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NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

In one of the biggest upset results of the season thus far, struggling Sunshine Georgies surprised title aspirants South Melbourne with a 1-0 victory last weekend. Adding to the irony of the result was the fact that the Georgies dumped coach Chris Taylor in favour of South's former youth team coach, Joe Montemurro, just days before.

Affectinately known as "Pepe", in his playing days Montemurro was a dangerous midfielder with silky skills and a young member of the Brunswick Juventus side that was a powerhouse in Victorian soccer during the mid to late eighties. He also spent a considerable amount of time in Italy's Serie C with Patenza before returning to finish his playing days with Bulleen Zebras in 1990.

Asked what he thought of his new role Montemurro said, "I'm absolutely honoured to be given the opportunity to coach one of the most respected clubs in Victorian football. I'm grateful that the club has gone outside the box of the coaches that are normally around in the higher levels of the local game and I'm really looking forward to the chance to bring some fresh ideas to the table." Asked whether or not he was feeling any pressure, Joe replied, "In terms of pure coaching, the sessions and motivation, I don't have a problem. The only pressure I feel is that I'm obviously someone new coming on board, but hopefully I'll settle as

quick as I can and maybe this might be able to pave the way for other young coaches to be given a similar opportunity."



Although he's the newest face at Chaplin Reserve, Montemurro has nothing but praise for his surroundings, "Everybody has been absolutely fantastic. I think a lot of the bigger clubs would be surprised at the structure and core support of the Georgies. They've got some really passionate supporters here and it's just a buzz to be involved."

Asked what the vibe in the dressing room is like after the recent coaching change at the club Montemurro replied, "believe it or not, it's quite positive. We're all keen to pick

the place up and get the place going again. We've had some good sessions already, where the players have enjoyed themselves but at the same time enforced certain levels of accountability for their efforts."

After an indifferent start to the new campaign, Montemurro's immediate goal is to get the club focussing on a top half of the table position and to play an attractive brand of football along the way. Quizzed on how he intends on achieving that, Montemurro responded by saying, "I've always been an advocate of positive football with lots of attacking, lots of possession, lots of accountability on the ground, as well as giving players certain liberties and the licence to try different things on the pitch".

Joe has also pledged to endorse young players as much as he can and has vowed to give Vodafone Cup fringe players a crack at the big time.

"I want to look at the bigger picture for a long term scenario. I'm already looking closely at the Under 21's."

Although in the bottom half of the standings at present, Georgie fans are confident that with time on their side and a good few games yet to play, the sun will still shining down Sunshine way, come the end of September.

THE REMATCH

For the second time in the space of a week Richmond Eagles will attempt to overturn a 2-0 deficit.

Last Friday night, those who braved Melbourne's first blast of winter weather were treated to an absolute cracker at Kevin Bartlett Reserve, as the Eagles and Fawknor played out a five goal thriller. The Stallions managed to nick it in the end thanks to a Carl Recchia decider, but not before the Eagles drew level with a double from Richmond's James Robinson. The second of his two goals was one of the most exquisite pieces of finishing one will probably witness in this year's Vodafone Cup. The Eagles must now prepare to take on Heidelberg United (Wednesday 5th April, KO 7.30pm, Kevin Bartlett Reserve) in a match that was never completed due to floodlight failure. The game will recommence from the 35th minute mark with the score at 2-0 in favour of the Bergers.

If Eagles coach Dean Hennessey can repeat Friday night's half-time team talk, then brace yourselves ladies and gentlemen, because you're going to be in for another cliffhanger. Asked what his thoughts were on the all important mid-week clash, Hennessey said, "Friday night convinced me, that with this group of players, as long as they keep believing in what they're about, then they can come back from a lot of adversity."

SHORT PASSES

Altona's Kole Delev received six stitches in the mouth after clashing with South 'keeper Dean Anastasiadis on Saturday night. Although there was a lot of blood, Delev managed to carry on and help the Magic record a convincing 3-1 victory.

Frankston Pines' Trent Malcolm lasted only five minutes into the game against the Royals on the weekend before a recent hamstring injury forced him to leave the field. Nick Waite also went off early after corking his thigh in a collision with Royals 'keeper and former teammate, Marko Sutalo. Adding to the Pines' injury woes is the news that 'keeper Brad Zealley will most likely be out of action for the next six weeks after breaking his thumb at training last Thursday.

Jones won the Eagles' Best & Fairest Award last season, but was frustrated of late at not getting sufficient game time at Kevin Bartlett Reserve.

Due to business commitments Marco Maisano will be missing from the Knights line-up to play Bulleen Zebras tonight. Hrvoja Matkovic will most likely be the replacement after waiting on the wings for the last four or five weeks to take his chance.

Fawknor's Sasha Ognenovski has been snapped up to play for the A-league's Queensland Roar. The versatile player who has been a consistent performer in the Vodafone Cup can play either in defence or up front and will finish up with the Stallions in about six weeks before heading north.

MUNRO: YOU AINT SEEN NOTHING YET

Coach Stuart Munro thinks we've yet to see the best of his Oakleigh Cannons. Whilst the team is amongst the early pacesetters of the league Munro admits that "I still think we've got at least another twenty-five per cent improvement in us. I think we've been missing the runs from the midfield that George Goutzioulis would normally give us." Two of the Cannons' key players, Goutzioulis and big defender Steve Laurie, have been on the injury list of late.

Munro said, "The guys who've come in have done really well, but every game we're getting three or four very good chances that we're just not taking, which is making life a little bit difficult for us."



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DETAILS



ROUND EIGHT SCOREBOARD

OAKLEIGH CANNON 2 – 1 SUNSHINE GEORGIES
(HT 1-1) Friday 31st March Jack Edwards Reserve Crowd: 700

GOALS: V.Trcevski (SG) 38th, B.Damianos (OC) 42nd, C.Pino (OC) 53rd.

YELLOW CARDS: V.Trpcevski (SG) 27th, B.Gilmour 35th (SG), S.Webster (OC) 37th, P.Kakos (OC) 41st, F.Richards (SG) 42nd, S.Poutakidis (OC) 49th, I.Filipovic (SG) 63rd, F.Rosman (OC) 71st, B.Damianos (OC) 76th.

RED CARDS: None.

CANNONS: S.Webster, F.Rosman, A.Ewin, A.Kovacic, S.Poutakidis, C.Pino (G.Abatzidis 82nd), B.Damianos, A.Pelikan (R.Kumar 72nd), S.Webster, P.Kakos (J.Nilo 63rd), E.Masi.

GEORGIES: M.John, A.Tsirtsakis, F.Richards, C.Azzopardi, T.Watsonson, V.Trpcevski C.Platt 73rd), E.Muscat, B.Gilmour (J.Cvetanoski 68th), I.Filipovic, S.Kovacevic, T.Necesk.

RICHMOND EAGLES 2 – 3 FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA
(HT 0-2) Friday 31st March Kevin Bartlett Reserve Crowd: 250

GOALS: M.Bosevski (FW) 5th, M.Tsiorlas (FW) 27th, J.Robinson (RE) 61st & 71st, C.Recchia (FW) 77th.

YELLOW CARDS: M.Tsiorlas (FW) 58th, J.Robinson (RE) 61st, S.Ognesovski (FW) 88th.

RED CARDS: None.

EAGLES: R.Simioni, S.Webster, S.Burton, J.Baskerville,, B.Beni, J.Rajher (V.Korcarevski HT), S.Sivic, T.Calantano, D.Visevic (C.Murphy 83rd), G.Hockless, J.Robinson.

STALLIONS: S.Tilovski, M.Vazzochi, E.Awad, M.Bosevski, M.Tsiorlas, J.Siljahoski (N.Addo 78th), T.Sterjovski, M.Silic (D.Madarovski 65th), C.Recchia, S.Ognenovski, J.Sapazovski.

FRANKSTON PINES 0 – 1 ESSENDON ROYALS
(HT 0-1) Saturday 1st April Monterey Reserve Crowd: 250

GOALS: M.Catalano (ER) 29th.

YELLOW CARDS:M.Anderson (FP) 77th, C.Jones (FP) 79th.

RED CARDS: None.

PINES: K.Mclvor, J.Cumming, M.Anderson, T.Malcolm (D.D'Angelo 6th), C.Metcalfe, T.Lindurim, C.Jones, N.Waite (B.Ovcin 23rd), K.Paterson (B.Cullen 60th), C.Leopold, A.Psonis.

ROYALS: M.Sutalo, V.Pititto, N.Thomas, N.Schwal, F.Catalano (J.Youseff 70th), D.Pilic, M.Catalano, M.Meojedovic, H.Fa'Arado, S.Fitzsimmons, C.Miles(M.Mazzarella 79th).

ALTONA MAGIC 3 – 1 SOUTH MELBOURNE
(HT 1-1) Saturday 1st April Paisley Park Reserve Crowd: 1000

GOALS: V.Coveny (SM) 14th, S.Becvinovski (AM) 45th pen & 75th, I.Arsovski (AM) 84th.

YELLOW CARDS: S.Becvinovski (AM) 21st, S.De Vito (SM) 33rd, D.Anastasiadis (SM) 45th.

RED CARDS: None.

MAGIC: B.Jevdevic, L.Osman, D.Mladenovic, K.Delev, A.Opazo (D.Vasilevski 57th), S.Becvinoski, T.Razov, A.Sherifovski (S.Mrkela 64th), P.Cergovski, I.Razov, I.Arsovski (S.Zilic 86th).

SOUTH: D.Anastasiadis, S.De Vito, G.Tzirtis (K.Nelson 68th), V.Coveny, V.Natsioulas, J.Salley, R.Tavsancioglou, F.De Moraes, T.Banser, S.MacNicol, J.Stefanou (G.De Nittis 80th).

GREEN GULLY 2 – 2 PRESTON LIONS
(HT 1-1) Sunday 2nd April Green Gully Reserve Crowd: 2500

GOALS: J.Nikolic (GG) 7th, L.Lapsansky (GG) 63rd pen, A.Magnacca (PL) 26th & 68th pen.

YELLOW CARDS: J.Majarovski (PL), A.Magnacca (PL), M.Gasparis (PL)

RED CARDS: None.

GULLY: P.Schwalger, P.Riccobene, D.Fak, Z.Markovski, J.Flemming, B.Vassallo, J.Nikolic (D.Debevic 55th), R.Ollerton M.Batinovic 80th), D.Nastevski , L.Lapsansky S.Camillerri 87th), M.Sanders.

LIONS: G.Greveski, Z.Younan, S.Matthews, T.Davrimol, J.Majarovski (S.Oksuz 70th), A.Magnacca, S.Pace, M.Gasparis (B.Gorgioski 75th), P.Siveski, E.Karahan, Y.Galanos.

HEIDELBERG UNITED 2 – 1 KINGSTON CITY
(HT 0-0) Sunday 2nd April Olympic Village Crowd: 1500

GOALS: N.Tolios ((OG) 47th, N.Marinos (HU) 78th, J.Spiteri (KC) 60th.

YELLOW CARDS: L.Acevski (HU) 41st, P.Roberts (HU) 48th, K.Brown(HU) 87th, J.Tricarico (HU)90th.

RED CARDS: None.

BERGERS: L.Acevski, P.Roberts, D.Jones, R.Liparotti (L.Tsoumerkis 74th), Y.Yusef, E.Vassiliadis (J.Tricarico 74th), K.Brown, S.Petrovic, A.Gjuni (J.Drossos 58th), N.Sabaljak, N.Marinos.

KINGSTON: Unavailable at time of press

VODAFONE CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona Magic SC	8	5	3	0	15	8	18
Kingston City SC	7	5	1	1	12	4	16
Oakleigh Cannons SC	7	4	3	0	12	7	15
Melbourne Knights SC	6	3	3	0	9	3	12
Bulleen Zebras SC	7	3	1	3	8	10	10
South Melbourne FC	7	3	1	3	7	9	10
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	8	3	0	5	14	15	9
Essendon Royals SC	8	2	3	3	10	11	9
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	7	2	2	3	9	10	8
Heidelberg United SC	6	2	1	3	10	11	7
Sunshine Georgies SC	8	2	1	5	8	11	7
Frankston Pines SC	8	2	1	5	8	14	7
Richmond SC	7	1	3	3	9	12	6
Preston Lions SC	6	1	1	4	8	14	4

LAST MONDAY'S MATCH - ROUND SEVEN



FAWKNER BLUES 1 - 2 HEIDELBERG UTD



BERGERS GIVE FAWKNER THE BLUES

The lights stayed on for Heidelberg this round, with the Bergers taking away all three points from Epping Stadium Monday night with a 1-2 victory that gave Fawkner-Whittlesea the blues.

Heidelberg set the pace in the opening minutes of the game through midfielder Nick Sabljak, who took advantage of an early free kick to drive a deceiving ball past Steve Tilovski from over 30 meters out.

Already one goal up in as many minutes of play, Heidelberg continued to dominate possession in the early stages of the game, though the Blues were unlucky not to equalise 15 minutes later, when a touch of midfield magic between Ricky Chillico and Carl Recchia set Chillico up for a shot on goal that narrowly missed its target.

A cross from Tony Sterjovski put Mark Tsiorlas in line to level the scores 10 minutes later, but a wide ball left Fawkner-Whittlesea goalless once again, whilst Daniel Jones was down the other end of the park only a minute later with a header that came close to increasing Heidelberg's lead,

But it was the Blues who managed to find the back of the net before the half was up, after Johnny Sapazovski was brought down in the area to allow Sterjovski to deliver both the penalty and the equalizer in the 39th minute of play.



Sasa Oggenovski, another player set to make the move from the Premier League to the A-League, came close to livening up the second half much as Sabljak did the first, only for his efforts to be denied by the post in the opening seconds back from the break.

Sabljak had a chance to score his second for the Warriors after Albert Gjuni was brought to the ground, but his 63rd minute attempt fell too far wide of the left post.

Instead is was Bergers captain Eric Vassiliadis whose ball finally found the net, after his 84th minute penalty handed the visitors the lead.

Oggenovski put Sapazovski in close range to level the scores once again for the home team, but his attempt was thwarted by the Warriors who now had victory so close to hand.

The dying minutes of the game provided both teams with ample scoring opportunities, but the score remained deadlocked 1-2 in favour of the visitors.

Heidelberg now moves up to eighth spot on the ladder still with the advantage of a game in hand, whilst Fawkner-Whittlesea drops down to eleventh after the loss.

By Talia Cerritelli

Vodafone Cup Under 21s: Round 8: Richmond 2 Fawkner-Whittlesea 1, Frankston Pines 1 Essendon Royals 3, Altona Magic 1 South Melbourne 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond SC	8	6	1	1	23	8	19
Preston Lions SC	6	5	0	1	15	12	15
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	7	4	2	1	15	8	14
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	8	4	2	2	12	10	14
South Melbourne FC	7	4	1	2	18	10	13
Sunshine Georgies SC	7	4	0	3	27	11	12
Essendon Royals SC	8	3	2	3	10	15	11
Oakleigh Cannons SC	6	3	1	2	14	8	10
Altona Magic SC	8	3	1	4	16	13	10
Bulleen Zebras SC	7	2	1	4	8	17	7
Frankston Pines SC	8	2	0	6	12	21	6
Heidelberg United SC	7	1	2	4	9	15	5
Kingston City SC	7	1	1	5	12	26	4
Melbourne Knights SC	6	1	0	5	4	21	3

VODAFONE CUP
ROUND 9

KINGSTON CITY
V
FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA
The Grange Reserve,
Kingston Mel:79 F8
Friday 7th April
KO 8.15pm

ESSENDON ROYALS
V
GREEN GULLY
Veneto Social Club,
Bulleen Mel: 32 D9
Friday 7th April
KO 8.15pm

ALTONA MAGIC
V
OAKLEIGH CANNONS
Paisley Park Reserve,
Altona MEL:55 C5
Saturday 8th April
KO 7.30pm

PRESTON LIONS
V
HEIDELBERG UTD
BT Connor Reserve,
Preston MEL:18 B2
Sunday 9th April
KO 3pm

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS
V
FRANKSTON PINES
Knights Stadium,
Sunshine MEL:27 A6
Sunday 9th April
KO 3pm

SUNSHINE GEORGIES
V
BULLEEN ZEBRAS
Chaplin Reserve,
Sunshine MEL:26 G12
Sunday 9th April
KO 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE
V
RICHMOND
Bob Jane Stadium,
Albert Park MEL:2K F6
Sunday 9th April
KO 3pm

VODAFONE CUP
LEADING
GOALSCORERS

Saso Becvinovski 7
Michael Curcija 6
Mark Tsiorlas 5
Nathan Caldwell 4
Brandon Vassallo 4



VODAFONE CUP

Round 8


WARRIORS SHOOT DOWN KINGSTON



BERGERS DO THE DEED ON 10-MAN REDS

Heidelberg Utd 2 - 1 Kingston City



Heidelberg Warriors won an exciting battle at the Olympic Village inflicting a 2-1 defeat on Kingston City and preventing the visitors from reclaiming top spot in the Premier League.

Heidelberg, playing with Nick Marinos in the lone striker role looked to play on the counterattack early in the game. Kingston welcomed back Con Anthopoulos into a back four and were still without Joe Di Iorio who started on the bench.

Kingston began confidently and forced a couple of early corners. Heidelberg worked their way into the contest as Nick Sabljak started to find space in front of the Kingston back four and exert his influence on the play. Yusuf Yusuf was providing some width in attack down the right flank for the Warriors.

Both sides created few chances in the first half. The closest the Bergers came was an audacious Sabljak free kick from close to the edge of the centre circle. The shot produced a spectacular Michael Turnbull

save on 15 minutes.

At the other end, Kingston skipper Joe Spiteri missed a good chance to head home an Alex Kiratzoglou cross from the left when he couldn't keep his effort down from the edge of the six yard box. Just before half time both players combined in a role reversal with Spiteri supplying the cross for Kiratzoglou to miss from just inside the six yard area.

Heidelberg were fighting hard in the middle with midfielders Keith Brown and Slobodan Petrovic working hard to choke

Kingston's supply through the middle.

Kingston began the second half pushing defender Steve Iosifidis into the midfield to even the midfield contest. However the Bergers made an immediate impact after play resumed when Sabljak picked up the ball in midfield and delivered a pass down the inside right channel to Marinos who took the ball to the by-line and cut the ball back across the six box. Kingston defender Nick Tolios, retreating at full stretch, managed to get boot to ball only to watch in anguish as his attempted clearance deflected the ball past his keeper Turnbull.

Marinos was at the heart of the next significant event in the 48th minute when Yusuf's long pass found Marinos turning past the last defender Con Anthopoulos. Marinos went down under Anthopoulos's challenge and referee Damir Basic showed the red card to the Kingston defender.

A ten man Kingston went on the attack and in the 58th minute, Tolios was able to redeem his own goal when he played a perfect pass on to the head of Spiteri whose textbook header gave Kingston the equalizer.

A Sabljak corner in the 77th minute delivered Heidelberg's second when Marinos outjumped his opponents to head accurately past Turnbull.

In a frantic last 15 minutes both teams created chances to add to their tally. Heidelberg substitute Jim Drossos robbed Steve Iosifidis and fed Petrovic only for Kingston keeper Turnbull to foil the Bergers' midfielder in a one on one.

Kingston substitute Joe Di Iorio was also in with an excellent chance to equalize when he received a Spiteri pass in the 88th minute only to miss kick his shot past the post from eight yards.

In the end Heidelberg was able to hold off a determined effort by a 10 man Kingston to clinch all three points.

By George Stogiannou

Man of the Match
Nick Sabljak
(Heidelberg)

Phil Stubbins
Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

"It was a fantastic win for our boys...Kingston have certainly got a good team on paper and in patches they were very very good...at the end of the day we got the rub of the green...and over the course of ninety minutes we probably deserved it. As a team we performed on the night and we got the job done.

George Katsakis
Coach, Kingston City:

"I thought it was ordinary first half from both sides..we seemed to be quite flat, our level of intensity was poor...it was only until we conceded the early goal we woke up and took the game to a different level...our boys absolutely turned it on with ten men and we seemed to turn it around...I thought the draw was inevitable...but of course to no avail because at the end of the game we lost 2-1. A lot of credit must go to my boys because we created a lot of chances in the forty minutes we played with ten men."



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Round 8



MAGIC SETS PACE AT THE TOP OF THE TABLE



BECVINOVSKI SCORES TWO TO DISPOSE OF SORRY SOUTH

Altona Magic 3 - 1 South Melbourne

Altona's Sash Becvinovski on the ball



South Melbourne fell to its second successive loss in the cold confines of Paisley Park on Saturday night as Altona took the points with a fairly polished display of finishing.

The game started with South doing most of the early probing, it controlled the pace of the game and forced Altona into playing to its style of game. South Melbourne mid-fielder Fernando De Moraes was dominated the game early and was asking all the questions of the Altona defence but for the most part it the Magic backline held firm.

15 minutes into the game De Moraes

sends the ball into the into the heart of the Magic defence, which was not dealt with by Levent Osman and South captain Vaughn Coveney pounced on the opportunity to shoot past Bojo Jevdevic to open the scoring.

The game was bogged down in midfield for the rest of the first half but in the dying phase of the half the game turned significantly. Altona's Koce Delev was felled in the South penalty area by a flailing arm of Dean Anastasiadis, the referee produced Yellow for the big custodian and he may have been lucky to still be on the park. Delev suffered a nasty cut while Sasha Becvinovski coolly stepped up to take

the penalty. Although South keeper Dean Anastasiadis went the right way he scored low into the left hand corner to level the scores at the break.

The second half resumed its midfield battle with neither team taking absolute control; However the game started to turn when substitute Kevin Nelson raided down the right and crossed a ball to a wide open Coveney, who had what seemed to be the easiest of tap ins, but the veteran failed to put regain the lead.

A quick counter attack movement saw Tomi Razov raid and cross for Becvinovski to secure his second of the night at the 75th minute mark. South looked a beaten side from then on and its misery was complete with 15 minutes left when Arsovski converted going past some tired defenders and making the final score 3-1 for the home side.

Man of the Match would have to go to Koce Delev for the defensive job he did on Coveney by restricting him to just a half chance goal and always being to be a step ahead.

By Reuben Schembri

Man of the Match
Koce Delev
(Altona)

Ken Murphy
Coach, Altona Magic

"Obviously always happy with a win and also with the performance... we played very well...it's coming together really well at the moment. All our games have been very close and very difficult, but we've managed to nut it out and just margin it. South are a very strong attacking side...it probably could have been 2-2 after the first twenty minutes. I think we worked them out from there on and we created five or six good scoring chances."

John Anastasiadis
Coach, South Melbourne:

"We're going through a bit of a storm at the moment and we've got to whether that storm...the results aren't falling for us...luck's abandoned us...we're playing well enough to get a result but it's just not happening at the moment. If you can't score you get punished... we've got to regroup, stick together and just get through this slight turbulence we're going through."

Koce Delev bleeds after being felled



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BIG BATTLE ENDS IN 4-GOAL DRAW



LIONS AND GULLY SHARE SPOILS AT GULLY RESERVE

Preston Lions 2 - 2 Green Gully

GREEN Gully and Preston Lions played out a pulsating 2-2 draw in front of a packed Green Gully Reserve on Sunday night.

In what was probably a deserving result in the finish, both sides had to settle for a point each after 90 minutes of non-stop action.

It was Green Gully which settled into the match first in front of its home fans, dominating the first 10 minutes.

And the fast start earned it the first goal of the match in the seventh minute after a scramble in the Preston goal mouth.

The Cavaliers earned a corner, which bobbed around in front of the goal line before landing perfectly for Joel Nikolic, who slammed the ball into the back of the net.

Preston looked a different team after the goal, with Pece Siveski controlling the midfield and the Lions' defence propelling every attack.

The visitors peppered the goals for the rest of the first half, going close to scoring on several occasions in the first 25 minutes.

With almost half an hour on the clock, the Lions received a free kick in dangerous position

in front of goals and expert marksman Anthony Magnacca stood over the ball.

His curling shot beat the wall, and perplexed Gully 'keeper Pasi Schwalger, to level the scores.

On at least three more occasions in the first half Preston could have hit the lead, the best chance coming five minutes from the half time whistle.

The elusive Yannis Galanos cannoned a shot on target from the edge of the 18-yard box, only to see a magnificent diving save from Schwalger keep the ball away from danger. Preston continued to dictate terms at the start of the second half and almost took the lead when Schwalger tapped a mistimed clearance from Zoran Markovski into the field of play, only for Sean Matthews to miss a difficult chance.

Against the run of play, the Cavaliers grabbed the momentum 20 minutes into the first half when Erhan Karahan handled the ball from an attempted cross from Brandon Vassallo.

Lubo Lapsanski stepped up to the spot, expertly wrong footing Goce Gruevski to make it 2-1.



Less than five minutes later Matthew Sanders found the back of the net but the linesman's flag was raised for offside.

Before anyone could take a breath, the ball was swept to the other side of the field and at the feet of Magnacca, who was felled inside the area and was awarded a penalty.

The spot kick was shot powerfully toward the top corner, off the outstretched fingertips of a desperate Schwalger and into the net.

Preston pushed forward in search of a winner, and it almost cost it a goal with seven minutes to go when the Cavaliers pounced with a swift counter attack.

Matthew Sanders careered toward goal, dodged a defender and slid his shot agonisingly wide of the target.

Both sides had genuine chances to win the match in the last five minutes before the referee's whistle ended what was a memorable match.

By James Taylor

Andrew Marth
Coach, Green Gully:

"In the end it was a fair result...in the first period of the match we definitely dominated...Preston had huge support behind them which obviously does help. The second half was pretty even and at the end of the day 2-2 was probably a fair result."

Goran Lozanovski
Coach, Preston Lions:

"Look, overall it was a pretty good team effort. I think we picked up the pace after we equalised through a fantastic goal from Magnacca...we probably should have scored a couple more goals. The second half was a bit of a dead rubber...for a first hit I think it was great...at the end of the day a draw is a draw, especially away from home."



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ROYALS RECORD SECOND WIN FOR 2006



PINES ON THE SLIDE AFTER EARLY PROMISE

Frankston Pines 0 - 1 Essendon Royals



Essendon Royals recorded its first victory since round two of the Vodafone Cup by defeating Frankston Pines at Monterey Reserve on Saturday by 1-0.

In a match that was watched by only a couple of hundred spectators, the Royals' grabbed the all important winner in the 29th minute of play when Michael Catalano scored to hand his side all three points. In a fairly even match.

Cameron Jones made his debut for the Pines after transferring during the week from fellow Vodafone Cup side Richmond Eagles, but unfortunately could not penetrate the Royals defence and was forced to drop back in to midfield after a string of injuries to a couple of the Pines' key players forced coach

Craig Lewis to reshuffle the line-up.

Defender Trent Malcolm was carrying a slight hamstring problem from the previous week and unfortunately signalled to the bench after five minutes of play that he would no longer be able to continue in the game.

At the 23rd minute mark the ever present Nick Waite suffered a cork thigh when he collided with former Pines

'keeper Marko Sutalo and also left the ground early.

It hasn't been a good week for the Peninsula club after it was brought to light that its three pre-season recruits from Western Australia ((Tony Naglieri, Andreas Oliviera and Dino Djulevic) walked out on the club during the week and will move across to South Melbourne.

After such a promising start to season, whereby Frankston was making the most of putting the points on the board early and taking advantage of indifferent starts from other bigger named Vodafone Cup sides, the wheels appear to have fallen off in dramatic fashion over the last week and it will surely test the acumen and astuteness of the coach Lewis and his board of directors.

Unfortunately for Lewis now, he will be required to work quickly to steady the ship in what is fast becoming a crisis for the Peninsula club.

By Don MacLean

Craig Lewis
Coach, Frankston Pines:

"Very disappointing to be honest. The game as a whole was absolutely terrible. We were really disappointing and extremely poor. We've basically hit rock bottom and need to turn things around quite quickly otherwise it's going to be a long hard season. It's a very difficult situation for us at the moment...we have to regroup, strengthen the squad and hope to find some of our early season form...it'll be a fight right to the end to stay in the competition."

Luciano Trani

Coach, Essendon Royals.:

We were very pleased with the result even though we'd like to think we can play a lot better. We created quite a few chances in the first half but unfortunately we didn't capitalise on them. In the second-half it was a struggle to get going, especially in our front third...we turned the ball over far too often and lost a little bit of shape.

From our point of view we were happy to get our first win since the Sunshine Georgies game in round two. Now it's a challenge to get two victories on the trot, which we haven't achieved yet this year.





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PINO MAGIC INSPIRES CANNONS VICTORY



CANNONS CONTINUE 7 GAME UNBEATEN RUN

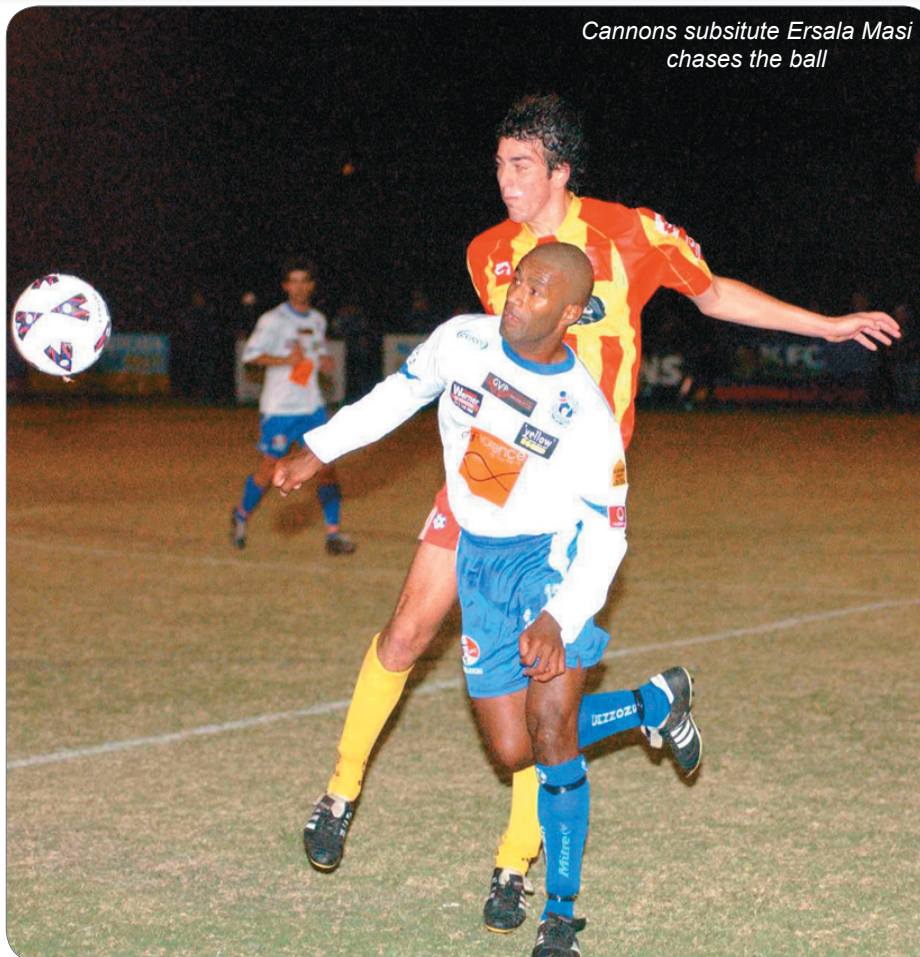
Oakleigh Cannons 2 - 1 Sunshine Georgies

Following their shock win over championship contenders South Melbourne, the Georgies were looking to claim another major scalp away to the Oakleigh Cannons. However on this bitterly cold Melbourne evening at Jack Edwads Reserve, Cameron Pino's perfectly struck free kick from 25 metres out gave the Oakleigh Cannons a deserved 2-1 victory. It was an exciting and hotly contested encounter, which saw the referee brandish several cautions to both sides.

Stuart Munro opted for a tall forward line with the absence of George Goutzioulis whose undergoing knee surgery and gave another starting birth to Esala Masi who partnered Peter Kakos. Meanwhile former South Melbourne SC defender Arthur Tsirtsakis made his debut for the Georgies at right back to add some pace to the back four.

Despite the major share of possession in the first half the Cannons couldn't convert their dominance on the scoreboard and fell behind in the 40th minute thanks to a Vasco Trpcevski free kick on the edge of the area. Creative midfielder Trpcevski was brought down just outside the box and picked himself up to slot the ball underneath Webster at his near post. The usually safe hands of Webster couldn't stop what seemed to be a harmless free kick and sent the large contingent of away supporters into raptures.

To the Cannons credit they equalised al-



Cannons substitute Ersala Masi chases the ball

most immediately when Bill Damianos smashed the ball past Martin John with a thunderous volley after he reacted quickest to Kakos's parried shot. The midfielder showed good poise amongst several Georgies defenders, to give John no opportunity with his rifling effort. Using their ascendancy the home side almost took the lead on the stroke of half-time, however Kakos failed to score what seemed to be harder to miss from point blank range, when he found himself unmarked at the back post with an entirely open goal after Sam Poutakidis supplied an inch perfect cross to cut out John and his defence.

The second stanza continued in the same vein with Oakleigh dominating and searching for a winner, whilst Sunshine was prepared to play counter attacking football. The Cannons spurned several chances and should have gone ahead after 60 minutes when Anthony Pelikan released Poutakidis through on goal, however the wing back found John to difficult to beat.

Ten minutes later Pino stepped up after being fouled and expertly curled a left footed

free kick into the top right corner from 25 metres, giving John absolutely no chance. His audacious free kick gave the Cannons a well deserved 2-1 win and all three points. The wingers strike will certainly stake a claim for goal of the season.

Oakleigh's supremacy continued for the balance of the match and the introduction of Juan Nilo produced additional headaches for the Georgies defence. The pint sized striker mesmerised his opponents and created several opportunities to extend the Cannons lead. Nilo almost had his name on the scoresheet had it not been for another impressive save by John, who was able to parry the back post volley for a corner.

With the match ending 2-1 and the points staying with the Oakleigh boys, it cements their position in the top six and is beginning to illustrate why so many pundits had the Cannons as serious championship contenders at the beginning of the season.

By Chris Priftis

Stuart Munro
Coach, Oakleigh Cannons:

"Obviously we're pleased to get the result, but just at the moment we're not firing all cylinders...we're not playing as well as what I know we can do, but I suppose the good thing about it is we're not getting beat either...it's pleasing that while we're still trying to find our feet we're coming through and winning games."

Joe Montemurro
Coach, Sunshine Georgies

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Man of the Match
Cameron Pino
(Oakleigh)



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FRIDAY NIGHT 5-GOAL THRILLER AT KB RESERVE



RECCHIA GRABS WINNER AFTER RICHMOND FIGHTS BACK

Richmond Eagles 2 - 3 Fawkner/Whittlesea

Fawkner's Mark Tsiorlas gets a pat on the back from asst. coach Tony Ciancer after scoring his side's second goal of the evening.



Friday's Vodafone Cup duel between Richmond Eagles and Fawkner-Whittlesea Blues produced some high-end drama that ultimately saw the visitor walk off with the points after a 3-2 victory on a cold night, which heralds in the winter.

Fawkner-Whittlesea's visit to Richmond got off to a flying start when Michael Bosevski scored after just five minutes. A quick break saw Tony Sterjovski open with plenty of space on the left corner, and he whipped the ball into the middle of the box for Bosevski to steer into the net.

Three minutes later Richmond missed a glorious chance to equalise when James Robinson cut a ball inside for Daniel Visevic, who shot straight at keeper Steve Tilovski. The lively Visevic soon crossed a ball from the left, which flashed across the goalmouth only two yards from the line, Semir Sivic not quite able to reach the ball when any contact would have resulted in a goal.

As the ball was cleared out to James Baskerville, his through ball to Sivic produced some smart work from Tilovski and the danger was quickly averted...

The Eagles appeared to have an award for their pressure when Sash Ogenovski handballed in smothering a cross from Graham Hockless after twenty-two minutes. It was Hockless who stepped up to take the

resulting penalty, but his rather tame effort was saved brilliantly by Tilovski. The miss was compounded five minutes later when a long throw in from Sterjovski on the left saw Mark Tsiorlas flick a header backwards which sailed into the back of the net.

Visevic shot wide from twenty-five yards after a sharp turn, and he also provided a cross, which Hockless failed to connect cleanly with as Richmond tried to get back into the game. When half-time arrived the 2-0 scoreline in the Blues favour remained, prompting Richmond coach Dean Hennessey into making a change by removing sweeper Josip Rajher and add another striker in Veton Korcarevski.

The home side began brightly when play resumed, Hockless shooting over the bar within the first thirty seconds and Robinson having an offside goal ruled out a minute later. Visevic forced Tilovski into a save at the near post with a volley. At the other end Eagles keeper Robbie Simioni was forced into action to keep out a strike from Carl Recchia in the 56th minute.

Forced to defend at the other end four minutes later Recchia conceded the second penalty for handball of the night. This time it was Robinson who took the spot kick, converting cleanly to make it 1-2 and put Richmond back in contention.

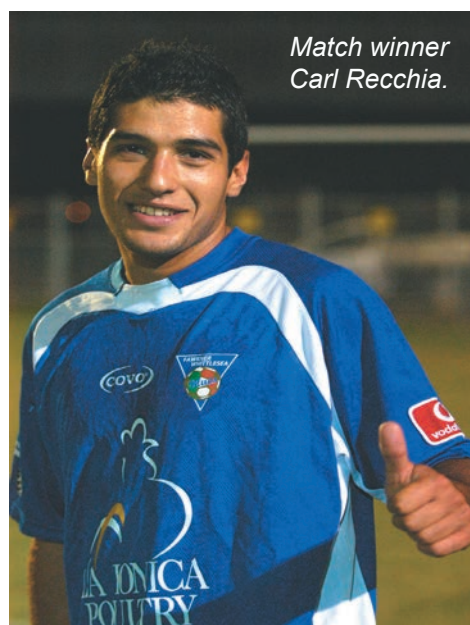
Shortly after Simioni dived out to collect a ball, sliding outside his area and he did well to tip Sterjovski's free kick over the bar for a corner, while shortly after Jurica Siljanoski shot wide for the visitors. In the 71st minute Brendan Beni burst down the right wing, his centre squeezing under Ogenovski and reaching Korcarevski, who squared to the unmarked Robinson. The Richmond striker produced an exquisite lob from just inside the penalty area to beat Tilovski and put the Eagles back on level terms at 2-2.

The now rampant home side pushed on in search of a winner, Korcarevski shooting and forcing a corner. A Visevic effort brought out the best in Tilovski, a fully-stretched one-handed dive to his right denying the Eagles youngster. Steve Burton tried his luck from thirty-yards but once again Tilovski was up to the task.

With 12 minutes left a very square cross from Beni was headed home by Robinson, the goal ruled offside amongst heated protests. Four minutes later a counter attack from the Blues saw them catch Richmond three-on-one at the back. Sterjovski in the middle of the park found Bosevski on the right, who in turn cut the ball back into the middle where Recchia was on hand to strike it beyond Simioni to give the Blues the lead once again.

The dramatic action continued until the final minute, when Robinson was thwarted from equalising by the goalpost. The final whistle signaled a win and return to form for the side which competed in last season's finals, while leaving newly promoted Richmond still seeking its first home win of the season.

By Mark Boric



Match winner
Carl Recchia.

Dean Hennessey
Coach, Richmond Eagles:

I thought it was a very entertaining game whereby both teams came out and showed they wanted to play. I was a little bit disappointed with our first-half performance even though we created a lot of very good chances...we didn't finish them and Fawkner had three chances and finished two of them...that's the clinical nature of this league. In the second-half we made a few changes and to be fair, in all credit to my players, we played outstanding in the second-half. When they scored the winner they were totally on the back foot...I felt really sick for all concerned...I thought we had done enough to win it.

Tony Ciancer
Asst. Coach, Fawkner:

We've been playing well and despite the result on Monday night we're still happy with the way the boys played. I feel a bad refereeing decision cost us two valuable points. We came into Friday's game knowing what we needed the points, so it was a huge relief to have won the game. We looked very good going forward, but we need to work on our defending as a team. We know we need to keep our foot on the pedal and move up to the top six, where we belong. We look forward to the return of Zoran Petrovski and will also be looking for a replacement for the departing Sash Ogenovski in five or six weeks.

Man of the Match
James Robinson, below
(Richmond)



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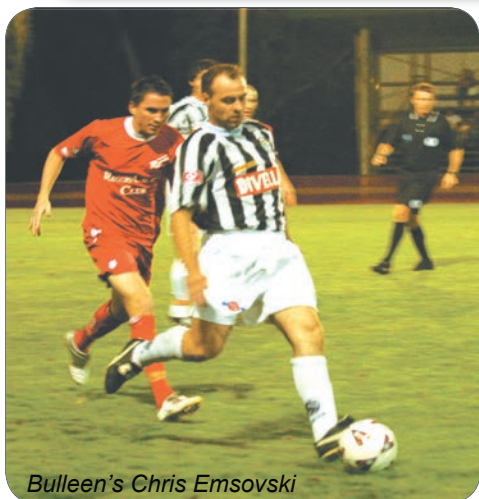


ZEBRAS SEEK THIRD STRAIGHT VICTORY AGAINST KNIGHTS



KNIGHTS KEEN TO KEEP UNDEFEATED RECORD

Bulleen Zebras v Melbourne Knights



Bulleen's Chris Emsovski

Tonight's Monday night game at Veneto Club, sees the Bulleen Zebras host the undefeated Melbourne Knights to close up Round 8 of the Vodafone Cup. The one thing we can gauge from tonight's clash is the validity of the Zebras' claim on a top six position.

The Zebras have run into a purple patch of late, winning two on the trot and giving coach Michael Michalakopoulos' men the required confidence to take on the high flying Knights. The addition of A-League players, Ricky Diaco (ex-Melbourne Victory) and Billy Celeski (on loan from Perth Glory), has evidently had the desired effect on Bulleen's' form of late. But it was former Knight and Lions midfielder, Chris Emsovski who shone for the Zebras last week in his team's impressive 1-0 win over the Essendon Royals. The veteran play-maker literally wore the 'poker dealer's' cap last Friday evening, showing that time

has had no affect on his mental alertness.

Whilst the Knights thus far have been the surprise packet of the season, remaining undefeated after six rounds it must be said that the biggest improvement this year for the visitors has been their defensive aspect. The Knights have conceded only three goals for the season and Biskic's astute signings over the off season in Craig Elvin, Marco Maisano, Ryan Casey, Goran Talevski, have added both creative fortitude and a defensive steely resolve to the Knights' structure. The Knights' fluidity from defence to attack, and vice versa has been another reason why the Knights are

undefeated thus far.

The Oakleigh Cannon's visit to Somers Street last week to Somers street, did expose and test the Knights for the first time this season. But the real question is whether or not Bulleen has the offensive and defensive capabilities to over come the visitors? And how much did the Oakleigh clash soften up the Knights?

My tip, the Knights to remain undefeated, 2-0 win.

By Bruno Zovko



The Knights will be looking to get back onto the winners list after two straight draws.

Michael Michalakopoulos
Coach, Bulleen Zebras:

"I think we've turned the corner after two successive wins in a row. We're all looking forward tonight's game...it will be a big challenge for us to take on the Knights who are always very competitive and shown with their recent results that they're a force to be reckoned with this year. We're up for the challenge and hopefully it will be an exciting game. The squad will be close to full strength and hopefully the boys can show that they're up for it."

Jo Biskic
Coach, Melbourne Knights:

"It's going to be very interesting against a Bulleen side that has won its last two games. They will obviously be confident so I'm expecting a pretty tough game. As long as we stick together, play exciting soccer and try to win the game then I will be happy. I'm looking forward to it, but every way game is always tough and I think Michalakopoulos is doing a good job over there and I hope everything will be alright."

MONDAY MATCH STATS

	Zebras	Knights
Recent form HOME	W-L-D-W	D-D-W-D
Recent form AWAY	W-L-L-W	W-W-L-W
Next info is based on last 50 matches		
	BZ	MK
Home win	38%	30%
Home draw	38%	34%
Home lost	25%	36%
Home goals	1.13 per match	1.22 per
match		
Away win	18%	40%
Away draw	29%	16%
Away lost	53%	44%
Away goals	0.65 per match	1.5 per
match		

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2006 SQUAD LISTS

Altona East

Player	Age	Transferred from
Awal Mohamed Adem	25	
Perry Apostolakis	16	
Taxiarhis Apostolikas	20	
Stjepan (Steven) Bartol	31	
Joshua Bondin	21	
Shane Di Gioacchino	23	
John Dimitrelos	37	
Paul Donnelly	36	
Edin Dragovic	20	
John Flitzanis	22	Satellite City JSC
Dominic Foti	18	
George Gkroidis	18	
Leigh Karafilis	21	
Evangelos Evan Kasapis	35	
Soner Kul	19	Green Gully Cavaliers SC
Billy Mitandis	26	
Jim Nikolarakos	23	
Zoran Pajic	22	Sunshine Georgies SC
Nicholas Panagiotou	20	
Nikolas Pantelidis	22	
Steve Pantis	16	Bentleigh Greens JSC
Constantinos Papadopoulos	17	
Nick Papadopoulos	34	
Emmanuel Papastamatis	29	
Fredy Pedrotti	32	
Federico Riera	19	Western Suburbs SC
Nicolas Riera	23	Essendon Royals SC
Adis Sehic	21	Westvale SC
Andrew Sfetopoulos	19	Altona Magic SC
Nick Sfetopoulos	17	
Paul Tavouxpoulos	23	
Peter Tavouxpoulos	20	
Nick Tsaltas	32	Green Gully Cavaliers SC
Matthew Vamvakidis	15	Essendon Royals JSC
Ross Zafiris	20	

Bentleigh Greens

Player	Age	Transferred from
Costas Antoniou	18	
Alessandro Bompane	20	
Jarryd Briscoe	16	North Caulfield SC
Ben Cogger	24	
Philip Constantinou	18	Oakleigh Cannons SC
Theo Constantinou	31	
Robert James Cox	18	
Dwayne Trevor Davis	26	Overseas
Christopher Driver	24	Dingley City SC
Steven Eurpidou	17	
Casper Gyberg Janholt	19	
Dean Kambourglou	18	Kingston City SC
Ozan Kara	25	North Coburg United SC
James Karanicolos	19	
Lewis Karanicolos	18	
Steven Kourkoutzelos	30	
Nebojsa Kozlica	31	Noble Park United SC
Ivo Gregorio Madeira	23	
Salim Mahazi	16	Kingston City SC
Bryan McNicoll	37	North Coburg United SC
Nickolaos Moutzouris	16	
George Michael Nicolaou	18	
Valentinios Papasavva	16	
Adam Ricciuti	16	
Ariel Ritz	17	North Caulfield SC
Tristan Ross-Brewin	18	
Panagiotis Peter Tasiar	19	Kingston City SC
Veli Tepe	24	North Coburg United SC
Michael Theocharous	16	
Paul Theocharous	17	
Peter Tichy	25	Banyule City SC
Jason Tiso	17	
Spiros Tsetsos	22	Clayton SC
George Tsitiridis	16	Kingston City SC
Clifford Raey Tuck	30	Richmond SC
Michael Eric Woolhouse	23	

Brunswick City

Player	Age	Transferred from
Anthony Anagnostou	35	Geelong SC
Omar Ayache	19	Fawkner-Whittlesea SC
George Danos	28	
Henry Fagg	18	Interstate
Paul Galea	21	Sunshine Georgies SC
Con Arkadas Gonullu	20	Pascoe Vale SC
Christopher Greechan	20	Altona East Phoenix SC
Malcolm James Jackson	35	
Fotis Karalis	18	
George Karkaletsis	35	
Peter Kosmopoulos	18	Clifton Hill United SC
John Kouselas	17	Northcote City JSC
Akie Leimonitis	17	North City Lions SC
Stefan Litinakis	21	
Christian Morales	19	Bentleigh Greens SC
Marcos Oliveira	29	
Leonidas Papageorgiou	22	
Panagiotis Priftakis	21	
Gabriel Sarpa Perez	19	
James Sherman	17	Interstate
Jamie Andrew Skeoch	26	
Leigh James Squillaciotti	24	Overseas
Benjamin Lee Stafrace	24	
Michael Anthony Tellis	19	
George Tsimiklis	19	
John Ioannis Verikakis	30	
George Vithoulkas	20	
Con Vouloumanos	28	
Jim Vouloumanos	27	
Anthony Warden	18	North Sunshine Eagles
Julian Andrew Zach	26	

Dandenong Thunder

Player	Age	Transferred from
Etem Alievski	18	
William Armour	36	Frankston Pines SC
Balint Gabor Arndt	31	
Adem Asanovski	18	
Brett Ashby	19	
Stuart Richard Borgonha	30	Cranbourne Comets SC
Franco Bove	23	Cranbourne Comets SC
Leon Buhic	33	
Stephen James Byrne	25	Morwell Pegasus SC
Chachi Elmazi	16	
Steven Hancock	20	Keysborough SC
Resul Heco	19	Heatherton United SC
Fitim Ibraimi	26	
Ramadan Isovski	17	
Jeton Korcarevski	19	
Qani Lumanovski	18	
Zini Malikovski	18	
Alil Memedovski	17	
Mentor Memeti	26	
Masumi Nishida	21	Oakleigh Cannons SC
Mark Oliver	30	Morwell Pegasus SC
Ali Osmani	21	
Selim Osmani	24	
Burim Osmanovic	22	
Hugo Abel Reyes	35	
Berkan Sakaki	25	
Murat Salievski	19	
Fluron Shabanov	17	
Bilal Suleman	19	
Bekir Sulemani	20	
Malik Sulemani	17	
Tasim Tairi	24	
Hakan Tezeli	17	
Bailey Wright	13	Mornington JSC

Langwarrin

Player	Age	Transferred from
David Breslin	31	Knox City SC
Elliot Charles Brooks	27	
Benjamin Shaun Caffrey	26	
Ian Peter Callaghan	24	Knox City SC
Mark Alan Chaplin	21	
Gavin Coleman	21	
Grant Colville	18	Frankston Strikers SC
Stuart John Craig	21	
Shaun Essex	18	
Trent Nathan Fairclough	29	
Christopher Fernandez	21	
Liam George	17	Mornington SC
Matthew Lee Hakvoort	19	Knox City SC
Joshua Jakubenko	18	
Christopher Paul Jones	30	
David Paul Jurisic	19	Seaford United SC
Gregory John Kilner	38	
Marcus Krause	22	
Darren Scott McClenaghan	33	
Damien Najder	20	Cranbourne Comets SC
Caleb Johannes Nicholes	23	
Simon Anthony O'Donnell	29	
Gareth Phillips	18	
Adam Poole	23	
Patrick Procopio	17	Knox City SC
Christopher Kevin Quinn	24	
Lirim Rasimi	25	
Nicholas Robinson	18	
James Skelly	24	Mornington SC
Sean Andrew Skelly	22	
Andrew Jonathan Skledar	21	
Deni Skopljak	17	
Jamie Strachan	26	
Liam Swaine	19	Frankston Pines SC
Rados Tomic	22	
Tim (Efthimios) Toparlanis	23	Bentleigh Greens SC
Ariel Valladares	28	

North Coburg United

Player	Age	Transferred from
Kaan Aktas	19	Port Melbourne Sharks SC
Spiridon Athanasopoulos	21	Frankston Pines SC
Ismael Aygun	18	
Frank Bazzano	26	Kingston City SC
Jonathan Carter	29	
David Nicol Craig	28	
Sercan Tekin Doganay	21	Diamond Valley United SC
Bosin (Bobby) Gorcevski	19	Altona Magic SC
Ahmet Gurpinar	34	
Adam Hrehoresin	22	
Ahmet Ikiz	20	South Melbourne Youth NYL
George Jolevski	37	Kingston City SC
Alexander Josifovski	26	Preston Lions SC
Ozgur Kanyilmaz	29	Preston Lions SC
Kadir Karahan	15	Fawkner JSC
Mehmet Kaan Karakiliç	15	Fawkner JSC
Oguzhan Muhittin Kayice	16	Fawkner JSC
Burakhan Koca	15	Preston Lions JSC
Lupce Kocinski	16	Fawkner JSC
Adem Kose	26	
Reha Kurul	16	Fawkner JSC
Keith Moore	36	
Grant Mussel	24	Keilor Park SC
Mustafa Mustafa	26	
Yusuf Ozenoglu	18	
Huseyin Saglam	31	Doncaster Rovers SC
Baris Sahin	18	Bulleen Zebras SC
Marco Santilli	22	
Dilhan Sengul	16	Fawkner JSC
Kamer Simsek	29	
Hasan Topal	16	Fawkner JSC
Adem Turer	18	
Ahmet Uyanik	31	Diamond Valley United SC
Bekir Velidedeoglu	26	Preston Lions SC
Vural Yildirim	20	Pascoe Vale SC

North Geelong

Player	Age	Transferred from
Mark Bacak	29	
Adrian Cervinski	32	
David Cervinski	35	
Marijan Cvitkovic	18	Altona City SC
Ante Anthony Deak	27	St. Albans Saints SC
Matthew Demo	14	Melbourne Knights JSC
Marko Devic	22	
Daniel Dragicevic	17	
Ilija Dragicevic	29	St. Albans Saints SC
Nenad Dugandzic	23	
Nikola Erceg	17	
Tommy Gavran	27	
Salvatore Giacomazzo	19	Geelong SC
Robert Charles Hibbins	17	WVSA JSC
Andrew Longo	18	Corio SC
Daniel Paolo Longo	15	WVSA JSC
Ivan Luburic	29	
Jason Jason Malesic	16	WVSA JSC
Lyndon Joseph Malesic	14	Melbourne Knights JSC
Adam Matijevic	15	
Alan Paleka	22	St. Albans Saints SC
Daniel Pantic	20	
David Pincic	16	Melbourne Knights JSC
Michael Radojevic	19	
Greg Saric	26	
Tony Saric	19	Melbourne Knights SC
Anthony Sirocuk	19	
Anthony Tabak	19	
Mark Tomasevic	16	
Mijo Trupkovic	28	
David Vodopiv	21	
Haris Vrbovac	21	Preston Lions SC
Marijan Vunderl	32	St. Albans Saints SC
Shane Zordan	17	

Northcote City

Player	Age	Transferred from
Jim Dimitrios Arvanitis	21	Lalor SC
Hasan Atosh	22	Heidelberg United SC
Apollon Christodoulou	17	
Lazaros Christou	18	
Adrian Corbo	17	
Con Fotiadis	16	
Nicholas Georgakopoulos	24	
Nick Gogas	18	Heidelberg United SC
Konstantinos Gountaras	17	
Robert Graskoski	33	
Alex Gymnopoulos	38	
Akrem Jabir	24	Yarraville Glory SC
Harry Kinigopoulos	28	
Nick Kyriopoulos	28	Clifton Hill United SC
Michael Joseph La Macchia	18	Richmond SC
Gerasimos Lazaris	29	
Douglas Lindberg	18	
Abdihakim Mohamud	20	
Dimitre Moshis	17	Heidelberg United JSC
George Papadopoulos	29	
Tasos Papadopoulos	23	Brunswick City SC
Angelos Papoutsis	18	Mill Park SC
Theofanis Papoutsis	19	Heidelberg United SC
Abdul Rauf (Samad)	31	
Daniel Perry Sahinidis	18	Heidelberg United SC
Peter Christopher Sahinidis	18	Bulleen Zebras SC
Milan Sajkic	22	
Saki Samaras	18	
Joanis Theofilopoulos	29	
Theo Triantafillopoulos	17	
Peter Tsolakis	40	
Onur Tuncer	18	Collingwood City SC
Nick Tzoulis	17	Richmond SC
Tass Tzoulis	20	Banyule City JSC
Ari Vlahos	20	Bulleen Zebras NYL
Nikolaos Vlahos	22	
Spiro Vourgaslis	16	

Port Melbourne

Player	Age	Transferred from
Konstantinos Antoniou	29	Kingston City SC
Dimitrios Archimandritis	24	Northcote City SC
Leftheris Arhondogiorgis	17	South Melbourne FC
George Blanas	21	Clifton Hill United SC
Rosario (Ross) Cardillo	25	Thomastown Devils SC
Adrian Cuzzupe	25	
Damien Genovese	16	Port Melbourne Sharks SC
Alexander Gutwirth	21	North Caulfield SC
Dragan Jugovic	29	Kingston City SC
Ihor KHRAPKO	18	Bentleigh Greens SC
Derek Kinsella	26	
Michael Koukouras	20	Bentleigh Greens JSC
Rossi Domenic Lagana	22	Heidelberg United SC
Bozidar Lojanica	22	
Michael Miskas	22	
Steven Joseph Pace	19	
Evan Papadopoulos	23	
Timothy Desmond Paton	20	
Mitchell Pino	23	
Anthony Stavridis	19	
George Stavridis	19	
Sascha Suessspeck	26	
Jimmy Triantopoulos	22	Northcote City SC
Daniel Tsitos	17	Richmond SC
Martin Verkuylen	19	Eaglehawk SC
Steven Andrew Wardle	31	
Paul Nicolas Zervos	19	

Springvale White

Player	Age	Transferred from
Boris Bajic	20	
Sasa Bogdanovic	17	
Jason Dimozantos	24	Richmond SC
Svetislav Djordjic	19	
Ross Duckworth	25	Frankston Pines SC
Dusan Janjic	23	
Dejan Karac	17	
Milenko Karac	20	Berwick Kings FC
Miroslav Karac	21	
George Karagiannis	30	
Dejan Kijacic	19	
Drew Laurence	27	Chelsea SC
Cesar Antgnor Leyton	28	
Peter Liarakos	23	Oakleigh Cannons SC
Stavisa Lujic	18	
Nikola Maricic	16	
Darren McGrath	34	Bentleigh Greens SC
Djuro Mirkovic	17	
Gordan Mrdic	19	
Dushko Nikolic	22	Kingston City SC
Ljubisa Nikolic	17	
Arnel Obradovic	20	
Hugo Alejandro Sena Orrego	29	
Nenad Pavasovic	17	
Predarg Pavasovic	17	
Gojko Ponjevic	20	
Nenad Prastalo	17	
Tome Racunica	24	
Predrag Radinovic	18	
Nemanja Samardzic	19	
Juan Manuel Sastre-Tejedor	24	
Miles Tidd	34	
Leonardo Michael Trebbia	22	
Zoran Vukas	19	Noble Park United SC
Nebojsa Vukosavljevic	27	
Goran Zoric	18	Berwick Kings FC
Vladimir Zoric	35	Kingston City SC

St. Albans Saints

Player	Age	Transferred from
Pero Barac	16	
Milan Batur	18	Melbourne Knights SC
Damin Borkovic	21	Maribyrnong Greens SC
Justin Bralic	26	Interstate
Mario Brekalo	16	
Vinko Buljbasic	32	
Jane Coceski	17	Preston Lions SC
Dane Dragic	17	Melbourne Knights JSC
Jure Dragic	19	
Ivan Franjic	18	
Nikola Gazic	19	
Daniel Gecic	23	
Adrian Kozulin	16	Sydenham Park JSC
Tomislav Krcmar	18	Melbourne Knights JSC
Konrad Leski	25	Sydenham Park SC
Josip Loncaric	22	Western Suburbs SC
Mario Medugorac	27	Maribyrnong Greens SC
Charles Paul Mizzi	19	
Niko Opacak	16	Green Gully JSC
Nicholas Pavlicic	16	
David Peric	22	
Richard Pete	20	
Adrian Mark Purgaric	18	
Ilija Rados	27	
Josip Radošević	21	Knox City SC
Luka Raspuđic	18	
Martin Raspuđic	28	
Damir Salcin	21	Maribyrnong Greens SC
Mahmoud Semsan	18	Green Gully Cavaliers SC
Wayne Spiteri	23	Westgate FC
Branko Stipic	16	
Dragan Viskovic	18	
NICHOLAS DANIEL VUNDERL	16	

Western Suburbs

Player	Age	Transferred from
Adam Adamidis	16	Keilor Park JSC
Terry (Eleftherios) Antoniadis	31	Sunshine Georgies SC
Giovanni Bagnato	25	
Jason Bosnic	21	
Jason Calleja	21	
Ricardo Castro	18	Overseas
Ferdi Cetkin	22	
Arthur Chelidonis	20	Port Melbourne Sharks SC
Evan Christodoulou	15	Brimbank JSC
Kyriakos Christodoulou	16	Keilor Park JSC
George Christoudias	18	Sunshine Georgies SC
Zoran Cvetkovski	30	Geelong SC
Stjepan Gal	21	Kingston City SC
Emir Habibovic	18	
John Kindtner	27	
Lorenz Kindtner	34	
Steven Kiparglou	16	Sunshine Heights JSC
Michael Luzar	19	
Ashley Lynn	19	Sunshine Georgies SC
Eduardo Machado	23	
Tom Markovski	39	
Ivan Mioc	21	Kingston City SC
George Mitas	17	Brimbank JSC
Daniel Neesham	17	Green Gully Cavaliers SC
James Parousis	23	
Vasilios Sianidis	26	Fawkner-Whittlesea SC
Ace Stojovski	24	
Aleksander Trifunovic	16	Westgate JFC
Simon Vasconcelo	19	
Robert Zadworny	19	



STATE LEAGUE ONE

Round 1



After what's seemed like an eternity of waiting State League One kicked-off this week along the rest of the leagues.

Friday night saw the first game and it took place at The Serbian Sports Centre in Keysborough as the Champions of Division 2SE from 2005 Springvale White Eagles defeated Port Melbourne by a score of two goals to nil. This will be of some encouragement to the newcomers and will settle some of the early nerves they will have had in the season.

Saturday saw Lawton Park the venue with Langwarrin taking on Northcote City and although both teams toiled hard neither could find the back of the opponents net and the game finished in a stalemate at nil all. A draw in the first week isn't a bad start to a season but no doubt both of these sides will be looking to improve and find the net in the coming weeks.

In Sunday's results Altona East began their season by drawing at home one all against Dandenong Thunder in a battle of two teams who should be pretty competitive throughout the season. Bentleigh greens started life outside the Vodafone premier league by grinding out an entertaining three all draw against Brunswick City. This is a positive start to 2006 for the greens who struggled to find goal scoring options during last season's relegation effort. Western suburbs under new coach Chatzitrifonos made an ideal start sneaking past North Coburg by the single goal registering a 1-0 victory.

The match of the round however took place at the Churchill Reserve where the St Albans saints locked horns with the North Geelong Warriors in what was a derby between two Croatian backed clubs. St Albans had virtually a completely new squad with Vinko Buljubasic the only remaining player from last season's squad. North Geelong paraded a team with an array of experienced players and a squad I seriously believe will go some way to winning this league or very close to it. They boasted the likes of Maran Vunderl and Ilija Dragicevic who were playing against the side they represented last season and the Cervinski brothers Adrian up



front and David Marshalling the Defence, Mijo Trupkovic and Ante Deak to name a few.

The game started with St Albans seizing the initiative and asking the questions of the North Geelong Defence which for the most part managed to neutralize the threat of the Saints forwards. This was until the 25th minute when a corner floated over into the box was only partially cleared and the ball was poked past Vundrel in the North Geelong goal to give St Albans a fairly deserved lead. Both sides toiled hard for the rest of the half but the game was mostly a midfield battle with each defence doing its job well and neutralizing any forward threats that the opponent provided. Half time one goal lead to the home side the St Albans Saints.

The second half began with North Geelong almost immediately finding an equalizing goal as a free kick was floated over and a near post header saw the ball poked past new St Albans custodian Damir Saclain and nestle into the bottom corner of the net. From this point North Geelong took over and looked the more likely of the teams to find a second goal. Their passing was crisper and their movement and team understanding shows why the won Division 2NW last season. The winner came in about the 75th minute when Trupkovic floated a cross over to the far post which saw the tall North Geelong Striker ghost in and glance a header beyond Saclain to settle the issue in favor of the team from down Geelong way.

In summary North Geelong look the real deal here their passing and crispness wreaked of a team who had been together for quite a while having retained much of their 2005 squad and adding a few pieces to it to improve it. I suspect that when the business end of the season comes around in September that the side from down the princess freeway will be amongst the top few sides.



As for the home side the St Albans saints the jury is still out, such a large amount of changes means they will take some time to gel as a unit and at times they did show glimpses to indicate they will eventually mould themselves into a reasonably competitive outfit. Getting points early will be vital for them and I think they will need a few games to hit their straps and they don't want to give teams too big a points start as they found to their detriment last season in the VPL.

By Reuben Schembri



Round 1: Springvale White Eagles 2 (Miles Tidd, Juan Sastre-Tejedor) Port Melbourne 0 (HT: 0-0), Langwarrin 0 Northcote City 0 (HT: 0-0), Altona East Phoenix 1 (Evan Kasapis) Dandenong Thunder 1 (Berkan Sakaci) (HT: 1-0), Bentleigh Greens 3 (Christopher Driver 2, Ivo Madeira) Brunswick City 3 (Julian Zach, Christopher Greechan, Con Vouloumanos) (HT: 1-1), Western Suburbs 1 (Lorenz Kindtner) North Coburg United 0 (HT: 0-0), St. Albans Saints 1 (Milan Batur) North Geelong Warriors 2 (Adrian Cervinski, Tony Saric) (HT: 1-0)

Springvale White Eagles SC
North Geelong Warriors SC
Western Suburbs SC
Bentleigh Greens SC
Brunswick City SC
Dandenong Thunder SC
Altona East Phoenix SC
Northcote City SC
Langwarrin SC
St. Albans Saints SC
North Coburg United SC
Port Melbourne Sharks SC

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ROUND TWO
FIXTURES

PORT MELBOURNE
V
ALTONA EAST PHOENIX
SS Anderson Reserve,
Port Melbourne MEL:56 K1
Friday 7th April
KO 8.30pm

NORTH GEELONG
V
NORTHCOTE CITY
Elcho Park,
Lara MEL:608 D15
Saturday 8th April
KO 3pm

BRUNSWICK CITY
V
WESTERN SUBURBS
Dunstan Reserve,
Brunswick East MEL:29 B4
Saturday 8th April
KO 3pm

DANDENONG THUNDER
V
BENTLEIGH GREENS
George Andrews Reserve,
Sth Dandenong MEL:90
D11
Saturday 8th April
KO 3pm

LANGWARRIN
V
SPRINGVALE WHITE
EAGLES
Lawton Park Reserve,
Baxter MEL: 107 F1
Saturday 8th April
KO 3pm

NORTH COBURG UNITED
V
ST ALBANS SAINTS
Reddish Reserve,
Glenroy MEL:17 E4
Sunday 9th April
KO 3pm



BOO'S WORLD

A satirical look at the World of Football according to Mark Boric

The football season has well and truly kicked off now, with the AFL, FFV State Leagues and FFV Provisional Leagues all under way. So at any given ground on a Saturday you will hear folks talking about how shocking the Tigers were the night before as well as swapping latest scores through the divisions with mobile phones and text messages.

As I browsed through the results this week, looking for a score high enough to justify the title of Thumping of the Week, I noticed some fairly high scoring contests. There were tennis set-like scores of 6-3, 6-4 etc until I finally found Dandenong City 0 Caulfield United 11 in Provisional League Division Three South East. So has everyone been just doing shooting practice all pre-season or is there a shortage of decent defenders?

The Commonwealth Games closing ceremony fireworks lit up the MCG in a fashion we will not see again for a long time. Well, maybe not that long, I'm sure Australia v Greece will see a few flares lit.

Queensland referee Mark Shield has been selected among the twenty-three whistleblowers who will officiate at this years World Cup. FIFA always make sure

referees to do not officiate in matches involving their own country. Perhaps the FFV could ask for some advice from FIFA in such scheduling matters. Or are there no ethnic clubs in Victorian football?

People used to mock me for supplying Richmond teams with banana lollies be-

fore matches rather than the real thing but after the cyclone in Queensland destroyed the banana crops who is laughing now?

No news on how Melbourne Victory is going in its search for a Brazilian. There is an advertisement for Jefferson Ford in this very paper, which could provide them with the contact details of Alex Moreira if they so desire....

The Pines Perth Boys are now South's Perth Boys. Can't say South Perth Boys as it gives the impression that Andreas Oliviera, Anthony Naglieri and Dino Djulbic have moved to South Perth rather than been poached by South Melbourne.

Tim Cahill has been selected as the Weet-Bix Kid after the Socceroos signed a sponsorship deal with the breakfast cereal. I am guessing Cahill was chosen through a typical Sydney bias. It is just wrong, because when looking at Viduka I see someone who clearly likes their Weet-Bix, perhaps up to half a dozen at a time. Little Timmy looks like he could barely eat half a single Weet-Bix. Now to me if you want to promote your product, what finer example than Viduka could you wish for? It makes you big and strong is what they should be trying to say.



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Until next week,
Aussie kids are Weet-Bix kids.

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Queensland Roar.
2. Brisbane Roar.
3. Chris Bambridge.
4. 1878.
5. True.
6. Chris Bambridge.
7. Koroia.
8. Altona Magic.
9. Nick Mannos.
10. Richmond and South Melbourne.
Unscramble the letters to find the name of a dangerous goal poaching Berger - IRSNMOKNIAC.

QUICK QUIZ

1. Fawcner's Sasha Oggenovski has signed for which A-league side?
2. With which Vodafone Cup side does Hamlet Armenian play for?
3. Who is the coach of State League Division One side St Albans?
4. Referees first began using whistles in 1878, 1908 or 1948?
5. True or false? The term "Socceroos" was first coined in 1972 by a Sydney journalist.
6. Which former Victorian referee officiated at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico?
7. George Jolevski is now playing at North Coburg in State League Division One. What was his previous club?
8. Which Vodafone Cup side was originally known as "Vardar"?
9. Unscramble the letters to find the name of a dangerous goal poaching Berger - IRSNMOKNIAC
10. Leicester City star Patrick Kisnorbo has played for which two Vodafone Cup sides?

ON THE BOX

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Channel 31

Wednesday, 9pm

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The Green Gully Soccer Show

Channel 31

Saturdays, 10.30am

EPL, Blackburn v Wigan

Fox Sports 1

Tuesday 4th April, 5am

Champions League, Arsenal v Juventus, SBS Wednesday 5th April, 6.30am

Champions League, Inter v Villareal, SBS Thursday 6th April, 6.30am

EPL, Spurs v Man City

Fox Sports 1

Saturday 8th April, 9.45pm

EPL, Wigan v Birmingham

Fox Sports 1

Sunday 9th April, 2.15am

EPL, Chelsea v West Ham

Fox Sports 1

Sunday 9th April, 8.30pm

EPL, Liverpool v Bolton

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FOOTBALL FUNNY

A Victory and Sydney fan get into a nasty car accident. Both vehicles are really wrecked, but amazingly neither of them are hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the Sydney fan says, "So you're a Victory fan, that's interesting. I'm a Sydney fan... Wow! Just look at our cars. There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace the rest of our days." The Victory fan replied, "Totally agree - this must be a sign from God!" The Victory fan went on, "And look at this - here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of whisky didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink it, to celebrate the fact we are alive and kicking?" He hands the bottle to the Sydney fan who nods his head in agreement, opens it and takes few big swigs from the bottle, then hands it back to the Victory fan. The Victory fan takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands back to the Sydney fan. The Sydney fan asks, "Aren't you having any?" The Victory fan replies, "Nah...I think I'll just wait for the police....."



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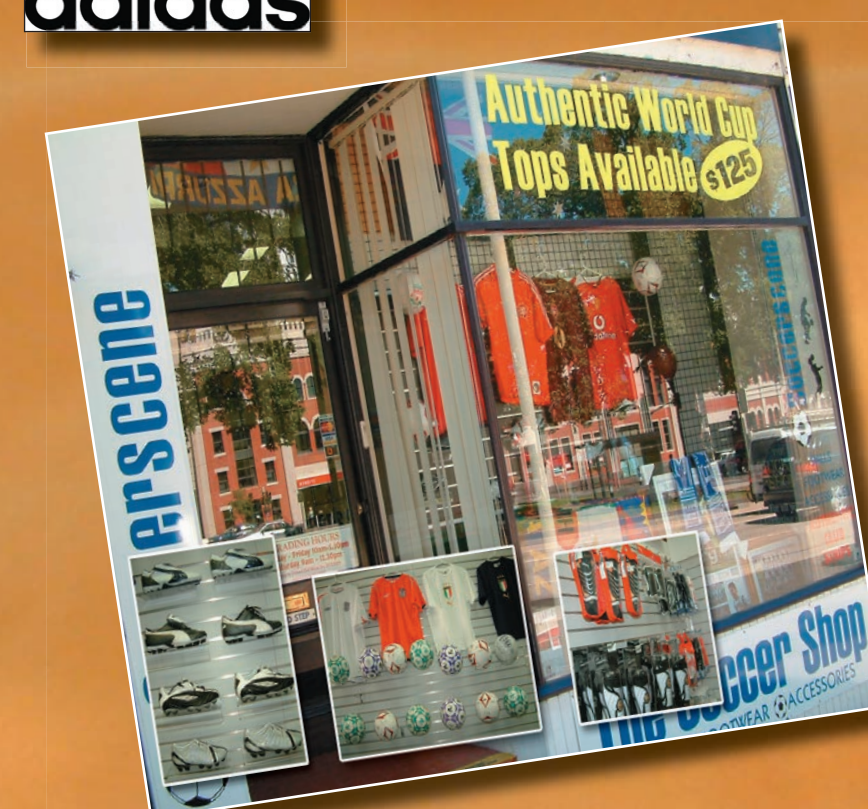
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a pom's home view



The Commonwealth Games are finally over and Melbourne's sporting life resumes as normal. It's was a disappointment that football did not have a place within the event, especially when you see some sports that are included.. While The Olympics have a place for the most popular game in the world, you would think that the Commonwealth Games would find a place for at least a 5-a-side slot to match the likes of the Rugby Sevens.

Football 5-a-side made its Paralympic debut at Athens 2004. The game was open to athletes with a visual impairment. Modifications to the normal rules included; a ball making a noise when it moves, sighted goalkeepers that act as team guides during the game, while the rest of the team uses eye patches and eyeshades, and there is no offside rule.

Alas, Britain had no football representatives in the Paralympics as they haven't for the Olympics for decades, all because of the Great Britain or England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland issue. England had qualified for the Paralympics, but they would have required agreement from the other home nations to be able represent Great Britain, which was not been forthcoming.

Great Britain last entered a team in 1972 for the Munich Olympic Games, but failed to qualify, losing out to Bulgaria. Britain had fielded an amateur team, in line with the then-Olympic rules. Fortunately for Bulgaria they were able to field virtually their World Cup line-up as the country had no professional footballers.

To qualify for the national team the Olympics' rules no longer state that you have to be an amateur, now there's an age restriction. All but three of the fielded eleven have to be



Meanwhile, The new Wembley, England's National Stadium suffers new set backs!

under the age of 23. This would mean that Wayne Rooney would be the only England starting 11 to be of age for Beijing 2008. Unfortunately for him, there is no plan or structure for a British team in place to make this happen.

Rooney's best chance of lifting Olympic Gold would be as the one of three overage members that may appear at London 2012. FIFA has said that Britain should enter a team at the 2012 Olympics and that each home nation's future of individual status will not be affected. The team can be mixed, or it can be from just one of the home nations, but the nations must agree with it. England and Northern Ireland have said their players will be made available. Unfortunately the Scottish and Welsh Football Association do not trust Sepp Blatter, president of world's football governing body. As they fear that Blatter may not be in power in 2012

and his successor may have other views.

Britain would qualify automatically as Olympic hosts. But it is unlikely there will be a British Olympic football team beyond 2012, because no united British team plays in the European Under-21 Championships, which act as the qualifying tournament.

The complexities of Great Britain means that they will not be able to continually compete for Olympic Gold, despite surprisingly enough being ranked third on the Olympic Football medal list with two gold medals, albeit 1908 and 1912.

A poll released on Friday to gauge the home nations support of England in the upcoming World Cup surprisingly showed that the majority of British fans will support England - with 76% of the Northern Irish, 83% of the Welsh and even 67% of Scots questioned would be happy to see the 'auld enemy' do well. If the fans are able to break the home nation fears and barriers, then so should the FAs and allow Great Britain to be represented by either of the home nation's teams.

That's why the Commonwealth Games would have been ideal for football, as they do not present any complications as England, Scotland and Wales would have been competing as a home nations anyway. However, understandably, looking at the list of competing nations, aside from perhaps England and Scotland, football is not their biggest sport and therefore has not surprisingly been overlooked. Either way, Australia would have probably taken the gold anyway.

By Richard Sucksmith

UK FOOTBALL WRAP

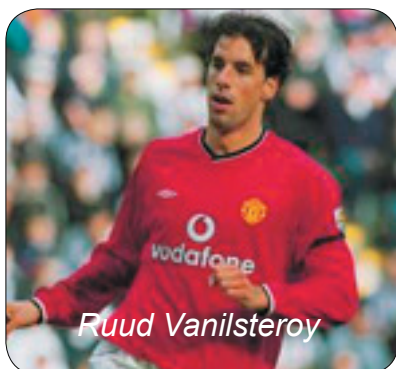
Chelsea fail to score, United beat Bolton

Written by: Jonathan Roorda
BIRMINGHAM - The English Premiership is not decided yet as Chelsea failed to score at Birmingham while Manchester United took three points at Bolton.

Birmingham - Chelsea 0-0

José Mourinho's men travelled to Britain's second city, Birmingham, where the league leaders were held to a scoreless draw. Due to this result, Chelsea allow main rivals Manchester United to close in, reducing the gap to seven points with six games left.

Bolton Wanderers -



Ruud Vanilsteroy

Manchester United 1-2

United did what they were supposed to do, although Bolton tried everything to avoid a defeat. Kevin Nolan even put the hosts in the lead after 26 minutes, but Louis Saha levelled seven minutes later. The winning goal came from Ruud van Nistelrooy who scored from close range in the 79th minute.

West Bromwich Albion - Liverpool 0-2

Liverpool striker Robbie Fowler opened the

scoring after seven minutes after some lax Baggies defending, and his strike partner Djibril Cissé got on the end of a half-pitch-length pass from Xabi Alonso before slotting home.

Newcastle United - Tottenham Hotspur 3-1

The Spurs risk losing their Champions League spot following a 3-1 defeat by Newcastle. Lee Bowyer's opening goal for the Magpies in the second minute was cancelled out by Robbie Keane in the 19th minute, but Shola Ameobi restored the home side's lead in the 25th minute. Alan Shearer converted a penalty, for 3-1 on the half hour mark.

Arsenal - Aston Villa 5-0

Arsenal easily defeated Aston, with Emmanuel Adebayor breaking the deadlock after 19 minutes. Thierry Henry added another two in the 26th and 46th minutes, and Robin van Persie took care of the fourth goal in the 71st. The fifth and last goal came from Vassiriki Diaby in the 81st minute. The Gunners, fifth-placed, now have two points less than Tottenham but have a game in hand. Numbers three and four qualify for the third preliminary round of the Champions League.

Everton - Sunderland 2-2

Everton's Leon Osman opened the score within five minutes, but had his goal cancelled out by Jon Stead in the 16th. James McFadden put Everton back in the lead ten minutes later, but the visitors came back again, through Rory Delap in the 80th.

Fulham - Portsmouth 1-3

Less than a minute had been played when Gary O'Neil opened the score for Portsmouth, but Steed Malbranque equalized in the 10th minute. However, Portsmouth

would take the victory thanks to goals from Tresor Lomana Lua Lua and Gary O'Neil in the 24th and 62nd minutes respectively.

London derby will decide UEFA Champions League place

Written by: Francisco Barreto

LONDON - Tottenham Hotspur boss Martin Jol believes next month's derby with Arsenal will decide who claims fourth place in the Barclays Premiership and a coveted invitation to the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League.

Spurs are currently five points clear of their north London neighbors, with Blackburn sandwiched in between them, but Jol feels his side must win every remaining match if it is to secure a Champions League berth.

'I thought six weeks ago that we needed six wins,' said Jol. 'But I feel maybe we have to win all the games now.'

'If Arsenal win the Champions League we are out of it any way so I just want to focus on our character, performance and ambition. Then we have to wait and see if it is enough.'

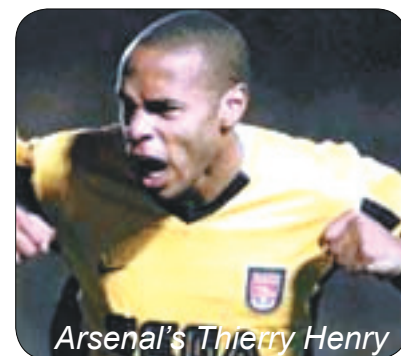
'It would be horrible if we miss out on the Champions League if Arsenal win it.'

'But if they win all their games I think we will have a problem. The Arsenal game away could be the decider.'

'I think they are always capable, if everybody's on the ball, of beating any team.'

'But there are still a lot of games to go but if we lose against Newcastle it becomes a different scenario.'

Spurs travel to Newcastle United on Saturday, while Arsenal, fresh off its impressive performance against Juventus, host sixteenth-place Aston Villa.



Arsenal's Thierry Henry

Henry to decide before World cup

Arsenal striker Thierry Henry will announce his future plans before the World Cup. he told the media on Friday.

The 28-year-old superstar from Arsenal is linked to various clubs, including Barcelona. Arsenal however is in the race of extending the contract of the French player.

Henry about the reason of a possible departure: 'People were talking about money, but I think people should know by now I am not someone who thinks about the money before the game,' he added.

'That is why, when I talked about sporting ambitions, I was talking about the pitch and nothing else.'

'We are talking with the board and with Arsenal at the moment about the contract situation. But there are so many things at stake that we should talk about.'

'My main concern right now is to finish in the top four - because it's vital for the club and anything that is going to happen at the club next, and to concentrate on winning the Champions League.'

WORLD FOOTBALL

ITALIAN SERIE A

Italy: Milan fall to Lecce; Juve held at Treviso

Written by: Stephen Sharp
LECCE - Ahead of their Champions League matches this week, the three top Italian sides all recorded different results in Serie A action on Saturday. AC Milan were defeated at Lecce, Juventus were held at Treviso, and Inter Milan cruised past Messina.

Lecce - AC Milan 0-0

Milan rested many of their top players in preparation for a clash with Lyon on Tuesday, but it cost them a chance to gain ground on Juventus thanks to a second-half goal by Cedric Konan. In the first half, Lecce goalkeeper Vincenzo Sicignano had to be at his best to foil the Rossoneri attack, making several key saves. Those misses came back to haunt them as Konan scored on the counter-attack to give the relegation candidates a much-needed three points.

Treviso - Juventus 0-0

Leaders Juventus, who have it all to do in their second leg against Arsenal at the Delle Alpi, were actually quite relieved to leave Treviso with a draw after an uninspired outing. The visitors, much like Milan, had the best of the chances throughout the game but failed to capitalize on them. Treviso then turned up the heat and hit the post on a free kick before keeping Juventus on the backfoot towards the end.

Inter Milan - Messina 3-0

Inter used a strong first half to down Messina ahead of Tuesday's showdown with Villarreal, a double by Santiago Solari providing the spark. Solari opened the scoring after just a quarter-hour had been played before Obafemi Martins doubled the advantage just four minutes later. Solari's second goal in the 26th minute effectively secured the points for the Nerazzurri.

Shevchenko laughs off Chelsea rumors

Written by: Francisco Barreto
MILAN - Andriy Shevchenko has laughed off reports that he is Chelsea-bound. The Guardian reported yesterday that Shevchenko had agreed 'in principle' to a four-year contract with the English champions, but the Ukrainian striker has confirmed that there is no truth to the British paper's report. The striker told the Italian news agency ANSA: 'I don't know of any offer and I am calm. I don't need to deny anything, it is all clear. It is just that others keep talking about this story.' He added: 'I'd like to thank the English journalists because this way maybe Milan will call me and extend my contract'. Shevchenko has scored 19 goals in 24 Serie A matches, adding another 8 eight goals in 9 UEFA Champions League appearances.

FRANCE

Lyon secure Champions League spot, close in on title

Written by: Stephen Sharp
TROYES - Lyon secured a spot in next season's Champions League and move three points closer to their fifth consecutive Ligue 1 title with a win over Troyes on Saturday. Lille, meanwhile, got a point closer to second-placed Bordeaux in a draw with Auxerre.

Troyes - Lyon 0-1

Lyon were frustrated by the Troyes defense for the first 75 minutes of this tie, but in-form midfielder Tiago struck to send Gérard Houllier's side closer to a championship. The next challenge for Lyon will be their second leg tie in the Champions League against AC Milan on Tuesday.

Lille - Auxerre 1-1

Striker Peter Odemwingie gave Lille the lead after just 22 minutes, but Auxerre fired back just six minutes later through Pegguy Luyindula to keep Auxerre in position for a spot in Europe next season. Lille are six points behind the idle Bordeaux side for second place, but Bordeaux do have a game

in hand still over Lille.

Metz - Lens 0-1

Lens, sitting in fourth, are now two points back of Lille for the final Champions League spot in Europe after defeating relegation candidates Metz. Pierre-Alain Frau fired home from the penalty spot in the 26th minute, and despite having Benoit Assou-Ekotto sent off in the 65th minute, Lens held on to claim the victory.

Nantes - Marseille 1-3

Marseille are also two points adrift of Lille now after they cruised past Nantes thanks to a double by Mamadou Niang. Niang opened the scoring the 22nd minute and Toifilou Maoulida doubled the advantage 30 minutes later, only to see Kenyan international Dennis Oliech pulled a goal back less than a minutes later. Marseille, though, regained their two-goal advantage through Niang in the 72nd minute to secure the victory.

Saint-Etienne - Monaco 1-1

Two of the biggest disappointments of the season met at the Stade Geoffrey-Guichard, Saint-Etienne and Monaco playing to a draw. Monaco, who sit 11th in the table and well out of European contention, went in front in the 56th minute as Ernesto Chevantón gave them the lead, but 13th-placed Saint-Etienne got an equalizer through Bafetibis Gomis with eight minutes to play.

GERMANY

Bayern held to draw while Werder wins

Written by: Jonathan Roorda
MUNICH - The gap between Bayern Munich and Werder Bremen has been brought back to ten points as the Bavarians were held to a draw by last-placed Cologne.

Bayern Munich - Cologne 2-2

Matthias Scherz put Cologne ahead in the 13th minute but Willy Sagnol levelled in the 29th. The visitors restored their lead through Albert Streit in the 36th minute, but this time it was Roy Makaay to equalize three minutes later.

Eintracht Frankfurt - Werder Bremen 0-1

The match between Eintracht and Werder was decided from the penalty spot, as the only goal was scored by Miroslav Klose, converting a spotkick in the 70th minute.

Hertha BSC - VfB Stuttgart 2-0

Hertha BSC defeated Stuttgart in the German capital, with Marcelinho scoring both goals. The first came just after the break, and a second followed from the penalty spot in the 69th minute.

Bayer Leverkusen - Kaiserslautern 5-1

Bayer Leverkusen had an easy win over relegation candidates Kaiserslautern. Barnetta opened the score for the hosts in the 9th minute and Dimitar Berbatov added a second in the 37th. The Bulgarian also took care of Bayer's third goal in the 61st minute, and Pletsch got one back for the visiting side in the 64th.

Bayer were not threatened by that goal however as Fritz and Berbatov added another two goals in the 85th and 90th minutes.

B. M'gladbach - B. Dortmund 2-1

The two Borussia's faced each other in Mönchengladbach and the hosts took the lead through Rafael after only six minutes. Tomas Rosicky levelled for Dortmund in the 15th minute but the winning goal was for the home side, and was scored by Rafael in the 34th minute.

Nurnberg - Mainz 3-0

Nurnberg were the stronger side against Mainz 05, with an opening goal from Saenko within three minutes. Kieszling added a second in the 68th minute and the third goal came from Vittek in the 79th.

Wolfsburg - Duisburg 1-1

The home side went down to ten after a red card for Klimowicz in the 61st minute, and Van Houdt took advantage by scoring the opening goal for Duisburg in the 73rd. But the hosts held on and Steve Marlet levelled the score in added time.

HOLLAND

Van Basten wants Dutch-Belgian league

Written by: Jonathan Roorda
AMSTERDAM - Holland coach Marco van Basten recently suggested the possibility of a league with Dutch and Belgian teams, but his ideas have been met with criticism and rejection. According to Van Basten, a competition with the ten best Dutch teams and the top six of Belgium would reduce the gap with the other European countries such as England, Spain and Belgium. The coach added that such a 'BeNeLiga' could have financial advantages for the teams involved.

Dutch FA (KNVB) chairman Henk Kesler told press agency ANP that such a plan is not realistic: "This has been studied a few years ago, but appeared not to be interesting economically. Let's just await the play-offs." The play-offs are a new system in which the numbers two to nine of the Dutch Eredivisie battle for European football. Wembley Stadium delays continue
Written by: Jonathan Roorda

SPAIN

Real hold Barcelona despite red card

Written by: Jonathan Roorda
BARCELONA, Apr 1 (SW) - Real Madrid held FC Barcelona to a 1-1 draw at Camp Nou on Saturday, but there is no reason to celebrate as the gap between the two teams remains eleven points.

FC Barcelona - Real Madrid 1-1

A foul from Brazilian left-back Roberto Carlos on Dutch midfielder Mark van Bommel had a penalty as result in the 22nd minute, and Barcelona playmaker Ronaldinho made no mistake from the spot.

A few minutes later, Roberto Carlos was again the center of attention as a discussion with the referee, following a foul on Henrik Larsson,



earned the defender his second yellow card. Barcelona continued to apply pressure on their arch rivals but the visitors scored an unexpected equaliser through Ronaldo in the 37th minute. The striker received the ball from Julio Baptista and lifted it over goalkeeper Victor Valdes. Neither side managed to get a winning goal, with Barcelona creating most chances. Other than Roberto Carlos' red card, official warnings were given to Van Bommel and Van Bronckhorst of Barcelona, as well as Helguera, Ronaldo, Mejia, Baptista and Beckham of Real Madrid.

Zaragoza - Villarreal 0-1

While most fans focused on the Clasico in Barcelona, Villarreal did themselves a favor by beating Zaragoza by a single goal from Garcia Roger in the 45th minute.

Real Sociedad - Malaga 3-0

Real Sociedad were never really troubled by Malaga, who ended the match with nine players due to Juan Rodriguez' and Richard Javier Morales' red cards. Ion Ansotegi put the Basques ahead in the 36th minute and Morten Skoubo doubled the gap in the 68th. The third and final goal came from Xabier Prieto in the 82nd minute.

Beckham wants Eriksson as Real coach

David Beckham wants, current England coach, Sven-Goran Eriksson to take over at Real Madrid

after this summer's World Cup. The Swede is mentioned on the shortlist by Madrid's president Fernando Martin.

Beckham told The Sun: "Sven is one of the best managers around and his name was bound to come into the equation. I think he would work well."

"I don't know who it will be as it's not my decision. Sven is the obvious one because he will be out of a job. He will be free and available so we will see.

"One of his biggest qualities is his man-management -- the way he treats the players and what he gets out of the players. He gives the players a lot



of respect."

"I don't think he would have a problem with any place he went to. I think he is an experienced manager and can handle it.

"He has been the English manager for five years and has handled the pressures there so I'm sure he can handle it wherever he manages. Other managers that have been named as potential candidates are Guus Hiddink, Jose Mourinho, Fabio Capello, Arsene Wenger, Carlos Ancelotti, Marcelo Lippi and Rafael Benitez.

GREECE

Rivaldo extends Olympicaos contract

Written by: Francisco Barreto
PIRAEUS - Greek league leaders Olympiacos and Brazilian midfielder Rivaldo have agreed to a one-year contract extension, keeping the former Brazilian international in Greece until the end of next season.

"Olympiacos have extended the contract of Rivaldo by one more year, taking into account the excellent service given by the greatest player ever to grace Greek football," said the club.

The 33-year-old Rivaldo has scored 19 goals in 44 league games since arriving from Brazilian club EC Cruzeiro in 2004, following spells in Europe with RC Deportivo La Coruña, FC Barcelona and AC Milan.

Romario joins FC Miami

Written by: Francisco Barreto
MIAMI - Controversial Brazilian striker Romario has agreed a move to FC Miami of the second-tier United Soccer League (USL). Romario was under contract with four-time Brazilian champion Vasco de Gama, but had not reported to the club since March 15, when Vasco lost 2-0 to minnow Cabofriense, erasing any hope of the club winning the Rio de Janeiro state championship.

The 40-year-old Romario will play with Miami until season's end in September, then rejoin Vasco, club president Eurico Miranda said in a news conference.

The striker is 36 goals shy of his 1,000th career goal, surprising everyone last year by topping the scoring charts in Brazil with 22 goals.



Katsa's Korner With George Katsamboukas



This week belongs to the Premier League coaches as they all managed to keep their jobs for another week. It has always amazed me how out of all the sports played all over the world, soccer is renowned for being unforgiving to coaches who may get two or three bad results on the trot.

AFL clubs tolerate a spate of bad results and actually reward their coaches for failure with sizeable pay packets each week. Not so in soccer, the term "MUST WIN" takes on a new meaning, and coaches whose teams are not performing are hung out to dry.

I have seen coaches lose their jobs after a defeat where the team's strikers have missed penalties and open goals from two feet, the irony being that if these chances were taken, the coach would still be employed.

Coaches at a high level cannot and should not have to teach these players how to put the ball in the net from two feet. These skills are usually mastered by players at Under 12 level.

Last week I tipped a trifecta in that another Vodafone Cup coach would be removed. This

did not occur, however a different trifecta took place and that was the defection of three Frankston Pines players who moved to South Melbourne during the week.

The word going around is that South Melbourne released three players, cannot provide names as this whisper has not been confirmed, however I'm usually spot on the money with the whispers that I receive.

Following on from the my story on the Richmond v Heidelberg abandoned game being replayed from last week, Tony Pignata (FFV CEO) called me early last Monday to clarify a point which I raised regarding both teams needing to start the game with the same starting eleven players that played in the original game.

The FFV Media Release which went out regarding the game to be replayed stated that this had to occur, and if my memory serves me correctly, the word must was in bold and underlined.

However, Tony explained that this was not the case; both teams could make changes if necessary. The FFV had verbally communicated this to both clubs according to Tony, however as I explained to him, there should be no margin for error in Media Releases from the FFV as it raises further controversies.

One area where the FFV has improved over the last 12 months is that they are more accessible to clubs, officials, and the media and this starts from the top, where Tony makes the time to answer everyone's queries. His call to me on

Monday morning confirms this.

Tickets for the Australia v Greece match have gone on sale and it promises to be a great spectacle.

It's sure to be a sell out and one player who will possibly playing for the Greek National team is George Samaras, who plays for Manchester City. His Father played for South Melbourne as a guest player in the defunct NSL, and Samaras having moved to Greece at a young age was actually eligible to play for Greece or Australia.

From what I have seen, he would certainly fit in nicely into the Socceroos, however having already represented Greece, he is ineligible to wear the Green and Gold.

The new rulings regarding the off side rule is certainly causing the noise levels at matches, and unsavoury comments to referees and their assistants to increase. It's a very simple rule, in that a player will not be deemed to be off side until he has actually touched the ball.

A common scenario is that a player may be offside by three meters, be sent through a long ball and he chases it down.

Common crowd reaction is "offside Linesman!"

However, the referee does not whistle for off side until the player actually touches the ball, and this can take as long as three seconds, hence the increased "encouragement" to the match officials!

On a lighter note, I have contacted the Federal Police and asked them to postpone their man hunt for a well known identity that may have fled the country this week, so as they can focus their efforts in finding a certain training top which has gone missing from a Victorian club.

This top, sponsored by a leading carpentry manufacturer was awarded to the player who made the biggest blunder of the week or did something that was very comical, or out of the ordinary.

It has been a couple of weeks since I have seen anybody wearing it, I understand that this top was handed from one award winner to another, and that it had to remain unwashed for the entire season.

It certainly makes a difference not seeing it being worn by anybody. What I really miss though is guessing the reasons why players have been lucky enough to get to wear this top for that week.

The State and Provisional Leagues commenced last weekend.

Let the Games begin, and in real estate auction terminology, "It's not where we start that matters, but where we finish"

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DIAMOND VALLEY 2 (Murat, Cameron) CLIFTON HILL 2 (Kotsiris, Ramonovski)

Diamond Valley opened its 2006 campaign with a 2-2 draw against Clifton Hill at Partington Flats on Saturday.

Valley squandered a two goal lead despite Clifton Hill being reduced to ten men shortly after half-time.

Clifton Hill made the early running, with Romanovski and Kotiris making most of the runs. At the other end of the park Alan Cameron and Murat were causing problems for the visitors defence, where Katris and Enes worked overtime to keep them at bay. Murat was really on song and put the Valley ahead when he latched on to a long clearance and chipped the ball over Sprekos to open up the scoring after twenty-five minutes. Valley went further ahead when Cameron picked up a pass from Erol Ergin and carefully placed the ball beyond Sprekos' reach. Right on the half-time whistle 'Hill had a free-kick thirty metres out with the home defence static, Romanovski deftly headed the ball home.

Three minutes into the second-half, Robby Enes got his marching orders for a second yellow card. Rather than spur Valley on to greater things, it was the visitors who raised their game. For long periods one would wonder who had the extra man and the Valley boys found it difficult in distinguishing between dark blue shirts and yellow ones.

Twenty-five minutes from time 'Hill won a corner on the right, again the Valley defence was static and Kotsiris nabbed the equaliser.

The last twenty minutes were frantic as Valley finally woke up again and poured the pressure on the 'Hill defense.

Cameron, Murat, Love and even defender Glen Davie surged forward in efforts to get the winner, but to no avail.

In the end, probably a fair result. Valley have unearthed two quality strikers in Alan Cameron and Sefgi Murat, but unless they get good support they will struggle to score goals.

The other worry for coach Frank Binyazar is to tighten the back line in order to avoid giving away cheap goals.

The young Valley reserves had a fine 2-0 win despite losing playmaker David Agostinelli after only two minutes with a back strain.

Goal came from Ernie Simsek and Musti Dinc.

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Keilor Park 4 (Andrew Damianou, Steven Mussel, Peter Tawaf, Nathan Miloslis) Maribyrnong Greens 2 (Damiir Alatovic, Tarik Bali) (HT: 2-0),
Lalor United 3 (Farouk Tijani 2, Kiril Risteovski) Yarraville Glory 0 (HT: 2-0),
Thomastown Devils 1 (Benjamin Smith) Pascoe Vale 1 (Michael Mal-janek) (HT: 0-0),
Moreland City 1 (Joe Cavoli) Banyule City 4 (Dennis Alevizos 2, Massimo Marchesani, Kiril Vaskoski) (HT: 0-1)

Knox City 3 South Springvale 3, Eastern Lions SC 5 Waverley Wanderers 1, Stonnington City 3 Doncaster Rovers 1, Chelsea 2 Cranbourne Comets 1, Diamond Valley United 2 Clifton Hill United 0, Southern Stars 3 Clayton 4

Vodafone State League Div 2 South-East Ladder							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Waverley Wanderers SC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Chelsea SC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Dingley City SC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Doncaster Rovers SC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
South Springvale SC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Clifton Hill United SC	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Diamond Valley United SC	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Knox City SC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Clayton SC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Cranbourne Comets SC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Eastern Lions SC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Stonnington City SC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Vodafone State League Div 2 South-East Ladder							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Eastern Lions SC	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Stonnington City SC	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Diamond Valley United SC	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Clayton SC	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Chelsea SC	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Knox City SC	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
South Springvale SC	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Dingley City SC	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Cranbourne Comets SC	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Doncaster Rovers SC	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Clifton Hill United SC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Waverley Wanderers SC	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

NORTH WEST TWO

Knox City 0 South Springvale 1 (Mesut Ismailoglu)(HT: 0-0),
Eastern Lions SC 0 Waverley Wanderers 1 (Andrew Strapelias) (HT: 0-0),
Stonnington City 0 Doncaster Rovers 1 (Robert Ardesi) (HT: 0-0),
Chelsea 1 (Charles Di Petta) Cranbourne Comets 0 (HT: 1-0),
Diamond Valley United 2 (Sefgi Murat, Allan Cameron) Clifton Hill United 2 (George Kotsiris, Zoran Romanovski) (HT: 2-1),
Southern Stars 1 (Sinan Aydogan) Clayton 0 (HT: 0-0)

Altona City 0 Westgate 2, Westvale 2 Williamstown 1, Keilor Park 4 Maribyrnong Greens 0, Lalor United 1 Yarraville Glory 1, Thomastown Devils 3 Pascoe Vale 0, Moreland City 2 Banyule City 0

Vodafone State League Div 2 North-West Ladder							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Banyule City SC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Lalor United SC	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Keilor Park SC	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Westvale SC	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Westgate FC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Pascoe Vale SC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Thomastown Devils SC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Altona City SC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Maribyrnong Greens SC	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Williamstown SC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Moreland City SC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Yarraville Glory SC	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park SC	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Thomastown Devils SC	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Westgate FC	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Moreland City SC	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Westvale SC	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Lalor United SC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Yarraville Glory SC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Williamstown SC	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Altona City SC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Banyule City SC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Pascoe Vale SC	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Maribyrnong Greens SC	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

SOUTH EAST THREE

Heatherton United 4 (Ermedin Isanovic, Mirzet Skenderovic, Edvin Trakosevic, Jusuf Pekmezovic) Nunawading City 1 (Darren Cooper) (HT: 3-1),
Berwick City 4 Morwell Pegasus 1 (HT: 1-1) Monbulk 2 (Jason Rand, Michael Howie) Fitzroy City 5 (Peter Veljovic 2, Nikola Veljovic 2, Dejan Tosic) (HT: 0-2),
Mooroolbark 2 (Darren McCandless 2) Sandringham City 4 (2, Christopher Aldunate, Surya Prasetya) (HT: 0-3),
Endeavour United 3 (Damien Ithier 2, Muhammed Kirmaci) Templestowe Eagles 2 (Michael Gulino, Alfonzo Santone) (HT: 1-1) North Caulfield 2 (Oran Harel 2) Frankston Strikers 0 (HT: 1-0)

Heatherton United 0 Nunawading City 2, Berwick City 7 Morwell Pegasus 7, Monbulk 1 Fitzroy City 4, Mooroolbark 4 Sandringham City 1, Endeavour United 0 Templestowe Eagles 2

Vodafone State League Div 3 South-East Ladder							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy City SC	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Heatherton United SC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Berwick City SC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Sandringham City SC	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
North Caulfield SC	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
Endeavour United SC	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Templestowe Eagles SC	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Mooroolbark SC	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Frankston Strikers SC	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Monbulk SC	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Morwell Pegasus SC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Nunawading City SC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

Vodafone State League Div 3 South-East Ladder							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy City SC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Mooroolbark SC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Templestowe Eagles SC	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Nunawading City SC	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Heatherton United SC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Endeavour United SC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Monbulk SC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Sandringham City SC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
* Berwick City SC							
* Morwell Pegasus SC							

NORTH WEST THREE

La Trobe University 2 (Lino Lidestri 2) Western Eagles 3 (Lucas Fortuna 2, Own Goal) (HT: 0-1),
Werribee City 6 (Martin Collins 3, Steven Panebianco, Daniel Iuele, Artemis Karanicolos) Lalor 0 (HT: 2-0),
Ballarat 1 (Joshua Romein) Albion Rovers 0 (HT: 0-0),
Sydenham Park 3 (Paul Williams, Ivan Filiposki, Goce Petrovski) Geelong Rangers 2 (Troy Hardy 2) (HT: 2-0),
North Sunshine Eagles 1 (Lanica Isuf) Sunbury United 3 (Volkan Kalayci, Alan Muscat, Andrew Lejcek) (HT: 0-1),
Geelong 0 Corio 1 (Vasili Kalogeracos) (HT: 0-0)

La Trobe University 1 Western Eagles 2, Werribee City 0 Lalor 3, Ballarat 3 Albion Rovers 0, Sydenham Park 0 Geelong Rangers 1, North Sunshine Eagles 0 Sunbury United 1, Geelong 2 Corio 2

Vodafone State League Div 3 North-West Ladder							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Werribee City SC	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
Sunbury United SC	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Sydenham Park SC	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Western Eagles SC	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Ballarat SC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Corio SC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Geelong Rangers SC	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
La Trobe University SC	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Albion Rovers SC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Geelong SC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
North Sunshine Eagles SC	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Lalor SC	1	0	0	1	0	6	0

Vodafone State League Div 3 North-West Ladder							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ballarat SC	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Lalor SC	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Western Eagles SC	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Geelong Rangers SC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Sunbury United SC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Geelong SC	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Corio SC	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
La Trobe University SC	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
North Sunshine Eagles SC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

MATCH REPORT

Sydenham Park 3 v Geelong Rangers 2
Weather: 18, bowing the house down
Pitch: probably the best you will see it all year

Round 1 of Vodafone State League 3 North West kicked off for Sydenham hosting one of the new kids on the block, the Geelong Rangers. Weather conditions were less than ideal with a strong wind blowing down the ground and ensuring the coin toss would have more significance than simply game day ceremony. The surface at Kelior Lodge Reserve is probably in the best condition you will see it for the season and probably the only occasion I will not have a go at it. A vastly different line up for Sydenham Park this season with only a handful remaining from last season and a youth oriented approach evident. We also had a changing of the guard with Daryl Spiteri taking the reins as club captain after the departure of long-standing skipper, Snapper.

And it was a good start for the new cap-

tain winning the toss and giving his side first crack with the wind and thus relegating Geelong to defending for most of the half. After a tentative start by both sides the game was well and truly turned on its head by a piece of Filipovski magic, scoring from an inconspicuous free kick awarded 5 yards in from the sideline, 30-40 meters from goals, it well and truly cleared the cob webs in the goal, the keeper simply had no chance. The goal seem to lift Geelong who had more of the possession but were finding it hard not only battling the opposition but the wind, they were unable to penetrate the final third of the pitch. With the Geelong keeper still trying to settle his nerves following the first goal, they were well and truly shoot when he fumbled a simply pass and set up the easiest of tap-ins for Paul (pommy), 2-0 the half ended.

Geelong well and truly came out firing in the second half and it did not take long to get their just reward. With less than 5 minutes on the clock, T Hardy nipped in on a still

napping defense to put his side back into the contest. A shell shock Sydenham had to regroup quickly or the Geelong express was about to run over them, the response did not take long. A quick succession of passes start on the half way line released one of the new boys, Goce who from just inside the 18 yard box slotted it under the helpless keeper, 3-1 and a moment or reprieve for the Sydenham boys. To the Geelong boys credit they did not relent, constantly pushing forward to get back into the game. They came close on two occasions from identical free kicks just outside the 18-yard box, on both occasions the frame of the goals came to the home sides defense. D Macallum, or the jockey as the Sydenham defense labeled him had a great opportunity when he nipped in front of the Sydenham defense but seemed to rush the shoot and sprayed it well and truly into the sky. With time running out and the Sydenham players happy to sit back and play the role of spoilers it was that man again, T Hardy that gave Geelong a glimmer of hope when he out jumped his

defender from a corner scoring his and the teams second. It was a fast and furious final 10 minutes but in the end, time simply ran out for Geelong, 3-2 it ended.

Geelong are your typical British side, they fight hard, run all day and never give in, similar to Altona City last season. They can consider themselves unlucky in this game but then again, you make your own luck. The midfield is solid but the man to watch is the big man up front, T Hardy, his aerial ability will trouble many sides.

As for Sydenham, it was a gritty performance full of fight, not the prettiest football you will see but delivering the desired result in the end. A few of the new boys made great debuts with the standouts today including, Olly, Goce and Paul.

Round 1 gone, 3 points in the bag, 21 rounds to go.

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SOUTH EAST ONE

Vodafone Provisional League Div 1 South-East: Round 1: Croydon City Arrows 1 (Cesar Flores) Springvale City Vales 2 (Damir Rizvic 2) (HT: 0-1), Monash University 2 (Shaun Whittaker 2) Rowville Eagles 1 (Marian Voinea) (HT: 0-0), Noble Park United 4 (Darko Stojanovic 2, Manuel Seisdedos, Own Goal) Carrum United 2 (Michael Franco, Mauro Cordoma) (HT: 1-2), Southern Suburbs 2 (Panos Nickas, Nikolaos Rossios) Brandon Park 1 (Stephen Kyriazis) (HT: 1-1), White Star Dandenong 3 (Paul Nedza, Adam Szlawski, Koral Salih) Riversdale SC 2 (Alexandro Moraes, Angelis Kyriakou) (HT: 2-1), Doveton 1 (Paul Cooper) Warragul United 1 (Tony Dogan) (HT: 0-1)

Vodafone Provisional League Div 1 South-East Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Noble Park United SC	1	1	0	0	4	2 3
White Star Dandenong SC	1	1	0	0	3	2 3
Southern Suburbs SC	1	1	0	0	2	1 3
Springvale City Vales SC	1	1	0	0	2	1 3
Monash University SC	1	1	0	0	2	1 3
Warragul United SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Doveton SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Riversdale SC	1	0	0	1	2	3 0
Brandon Park SC	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Croydon City Arrows SC	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Rowville Eagles SC	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Carrum United SC	1	0	0	1	2	4 0

Vodafone Provisional League Div 1 South-East: Round 1: Croydon City Arrows 1 Springvale City Vales 1, Monash University 6 Rowville Eagles 0, Noble Park United 3 Carrum United 0, Southern Suburbs 4 Brandon Park 0, White Star Dandenong 2 Riversdale SC 3, Doveton 3 Warragul United 1

Vodafone Provisional League Div 1 South-East Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Monash University SC	1	1	0	0	6	0 3
Southern Suburbs SC	1	1	0	0	4	0 3
Noble Park United SC	1	1	0	0	3	0 3
Doveton SC	1	1	0	0	3	1 3
Riversdale SC	1	1	0	0	3	2 3
Croydon City Arrows SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Springvale City Vales SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
White Star Dandenong SC	1	0	0	1	2	3 0
Warragul United SC	1	0	0	1	1	3 0
Carrum United SC	1	0	0	1	0	3 0
Brandon Park SC	1	0	0	1	0	4 0
Rowville Eagles SC	1	0	0	1	0	6 0

NORTH WEST ONE

Vodafone Provisional League Div 1 North-West: Round 1: Brimbank 0 Melbourne University Rangers 3 (Henry Wootton, Adin Constantinidis, Adam Griffith) (HT: 0-0), Laverton Park 4 (Javier Sobarzo 2, Vince De La Plaza 2) Mill Park 2 (Nabil Assaad, Damien Larosa) (HT: 1-1), Avondale Heights 1 (Adam Tennenini) Hoppers Crossing 1 (Joseph Fraietta) (HT: 0-0), Elwood City 4 Melbourne City 1 (HT: 0-1), Hume United 2 (Mustafa Sahin, Akin Akin) Glenroy 2 (Ante Kranjinovic, Own Goal) (HT: 1-1), Darebin United 1 (Nick Carlaganis) Plenty Valley Lions 0 (HT: 0-0)

Vodafone Provisional League Div 1 North-West Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Elwood City SC	1	1	0	0	4	1 3
Melbourne Uni Rangers SC	1	1	0	0	3	0 3
Laverton Park SC	1	1	0	0	4	2 3
Darebin United SC	1	1	0	0	1	0 3
Hume United SC	1	0	1	0	2	2 1
Glenroy SC	1	0	1	0	2	2 1
Hoppers Crossing SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Avondale Heights SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Plenty Valley Lions FC	1	0	0	1	0	1 0
Mill Park SC	1	0	0	1	2	4 0
Melbourne City SC	1	0	0	1	1	4 0
Brimbank SC	1	0	0	1	0	3 0

Vodafone Provisional League Div 1 North-West: Round 1: Brimbank 2 Melbourne University Rangers 2, Laverton Park 2 Mill Park 1, Avondale Heights 2 Hoppers Crossing 6, Elwood City 5 Melbourne City 0, Hume United 3 Glenroy 2, Darebin United 1 Plenty Valley Lions 9

Vodafone Provisional League Div 1 North-West Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Plenty Valley Lions FC	1	1	0	0	9	1 3
Elwood City SC	1	1	0	0	5	0 3
Hoppers Crossing SC	1	1	0	0	6	2 3
Hume United SC	1	1	0	0	3	2 3
Laverton Park SC	1	1	0	0	2	1 3
Brimbank SC	1	0	1	0	2	2 1
Melbourne Uni Rangers SC	1	0	1	0	2	2 1
Glenroy SC	1	0	0	1	2	3 0
Mill Park SC	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Avondale Heights SC	1	0	0	1	2	6 0
Melbourne City SC	1	0	0	1	0	5 0
Darebin United SC	1	0	0	1	1	9 0

SOUTH EAST TWO

Old Trinity Grammarians 1 (Andrew Hallam) Berwick Kings 1 (Zdravko Kecojevic) (HT: 0-1), Mitcham United 0 Ashburton 0 (HT: 0-0), Noble Park 1 (Jim Gorsovski) Beaumaris 7 (David Clarkson 2, Woody Blower 2, James Honey, Mark Lennon, Own Goal) (HT: 0-3), Lyndale United 1 (Robert Costabile) Scotch Old Boys 0 (HT: 1-0), Seaford United 0 Old Xaverians 3 (Andrew Vittadello 2, Adriano Ubaldi) (HT: 0-1), Keysborough 3 (Jason Roberts, Hiep Tran, Deng Lual) Old Melburnians 1 (Matthew Pember) (HT: 1-0)

Vodafone Provisional League Div 2 South-East Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Beaumaris SC	1	1	0	0	7	1 3
Old Xaverians SC	1	1	0	0	3	0 3
Keysborough SC	1	1	0	0	3	1 3
Lyndale United SC	1	1	0	0	1	0 3
Berwick Kings SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Old Trinity Grammarians SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Ashburton SC	1	0	1	0	0	0 1
Mitcham United SC	1	0	1	0	0	0 1
Scotch Old Boys SC	1	0	0	1	0	1 0
Old Melburnians SC	1	0	0	1	1	3 0
Seaford United SC	1	0	0	1	0	3 0
Noble Park SC	1	0	0	1	1	7 0

Vodafone Provisional League Div 2 South-East: Round 1: Old Trinity Grammarians 2 Berwick Kings 1, Mitcham United 1 Ashburton 1, Noble Park 1 Beaumaris 5, Lyndale United 1 Scotch Old Boys 2, Seaford United 3 Old Xaverians 1, Keysborough 0 Old Melburnians 6

Vodafone Provisional League Div 2 North-West Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Uni. Of Melbourne Blues SC	1	1	0	0	8	0 3
North City Lions SC	1	1	0	0	4	0 3
Broadmeadows United SC	1	1	0	0	3	1 3
South Yarra SC	1	1	0	0	3	1 3
Collingwood City SC	1	1	0	0	3	2 3
Melbourne Tornado SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Moreland United SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
West Preston SC	1	0	0	1	2	3 0
Brimbank City SC	1	0	0	1	1	3 0
Northern United SC	1	0	0	1	1	3 0
Northern Falcons SC	1	0	0	1	0	4 0
Whittlesea United SC	1	0	0	1	0	8 0

NORTH WEST TWO

Whittlesea United 0 Uni. Of Melbourne Blues 0 (HT: 0-0), Northern United 4 (Pece Cincev 2, Ahmed Azzam, Michael D'Aloia) Broadmeadows United 0 (HT: 3-0), Collingwood City 0 West Preston 0 (HT: 0-0), Melbourne Tornado 1 (Anthony Smolic) Moreland United 2 (Bino Infelice, Atheer Babo) (HT: 0-1), South Yarra 0 Brimbank City 0 (HT: 0-0), Northern Falcons 1 (Peter Mazzilli) North City Lions 4 (Mario Gouder 2, Steven Papaluca, Jorj Odisho) (HT: 0-3)

Vodafone Provisional League Div 2 North-West Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Northern United SC	1	1	0	0	4	0 3
North City Lions SC	1	1	0	0	4	1 3
Moreland United SC	1	1	0	0	2	1 3
South Yarra SC	1	0	1	0	0	0 1
Collingwood City SC	1	0	1	0	0	0 1
Uni. Of Melbourne Blues SC	1	0	1	0	0	0 1
West Preston SC	1	0	1	0	0	0 1
Whittlesea United SC	1	0	1	0	0	0 1
Brimbank City SC	1	0	1	0	0	0 1
Melbourne Tornado SC	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Northern Falcons SC	1	0	0	1	1	4 0
Broadmeadows United SC	1	0	0	1	0	4 0

Round 1: Whittlesea United 0 Uni. Of Melbourne Blues 8, Northern United 1 Broadmeadows United 3, Collingwood City 3 West Preston 2, Melbourne Tornado 1 Moreland United 1, South Yarra 3 Brimbank City 1, Northern Falcons 0 North City Lions 4

Vodafone Provisional League Div 2 North-West Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Uni. Of Melbourne Blues SC	1	1	0	0	8	0 3
North City Lions SC	1	1	0	0	4	0 3
Broadmeadows United SC	1	1	0	0	3	1 3
South Yarra SC	1	1	0	0	3	1 3
Collingwood City SC	1	1	0	0	3	2 3
Melbourne Tornado SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Moreland United SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
West Preston SC	1	0	0	1	2	3 0
Brimbank City SC	1	0	0	1	1	3 0
Northern United SC	1	0	0	1	1	3 0
Northern Falcons SC	1	0	0	1	0	4 0
Whittlesea United SC	1	0	0	1	0	8 0

SOUTH EAST THREE

Endeavour Hills 4 (Nicholas Moothoo 2, Dean Knell, Own Goal) Ringwood City 1 (Bartholomew Holod) (HT: 2-1), Dandenong Sparrows 2 (Jamie Adele) Boroondara Lions 1 (Daniel Grynberg) (HT: 1-1), Old Camberwell Grammar 5 Old Brighton Grammarians 2 (HT: 1-2), Mornington 3 (Alex Halikias 3) Dandenong Warriors 1 (Didier Douce) (HT: 0-1), Eltham North 2 (Daniel Oehme 2) Old Carey 1 (Travis Davidson) (HT: 0-0), Dandenong City 0 Caulfield United 11 (Peter Alissaphos 6, Onur Tufan, Chris Balkos, Petros Antonoulis) (HT: 0-4)

Vodafone Provisional League Div 3 South-East Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Caulfield United SC	1	1	0	0	11	0 3
Old Camberwell Grammar SC	1	1	0	0	5	2 3
Endeavour Hills SC	1	1	0	0	4	1 3
Mornington SC	1	1	0	0	3	1 3
Dandenong Sparrows SC	1	1	0	0	2	1 3
Eltham North SC	1	1	0	0	2	1 3
Boroondara Lions FC	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Old Carey SC	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Dandenong Warriors SC	1	0	0	1	1	3 0
Old Brighton Grammarians SC	1	0	0	1	2	5 0
Ringwood City SC	1	0	0	1	1	4 0
Dandenong City SC	1	0	0	1	0	11 0

Vodafone Provisional League Div 3 South-East: Round 1: Endeavour Hills 2 Ringwood City 3, Dandenong Sparrows 0 Boroondara Lions 7, Mornington 5 Dandenong Warriors 1, Eltham North 3 Old Carey 3, Dandenong City 0 Caulfield United 3

Vodafone Provisional League Div 3 South-East Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Boroondara Lions FC	1	1	0	0	7	0 3
Mornington SC	1	1	0	0	5	1 3
Caulfield United SC	1	1	0	0	3	0 3
Ringwood City SC	1	1	0	0	3	2 3
Old Carey SC	1	0	1	0	3	3 1
Eltham North SC	1	0	1	0	3	3 1
Endeavour Hills SC	1	0	0	1	2	3 0
Dandenong City SC	1	0	0	1	0	3 0
Dandenong Warriors SC	1	0	0	1	1	5 0
Dandenong Sparrows SC	1	0	0	1	0	7 0
* Old Brighton Grammarians SC						
* Old Camberwell Grammar SC						

Moreland Wolves 6 (Dominic Colella 5, Mario Denezakis) Ascot Vale 3 (Milton Lopez, Alex Flores, Marvin Batres) (HT: 2-2), Bell Park 6 (Liam Mercer 2, Mark Gstalter, John Simunovic, John Anastasopoulos, Andrew Palmieri) Hallam 0 (HT: 1-0), Light United 1 (Sacid Gicek) Youth United 3 (Nihat Ozdemir, Adem Yazici, Own Goal) (HT: 0-3), Epping City 2 (Benjamin Monteleone, Joco Miloskeski) Reservoir United 1 (Vince Cuteri) (HT: 2-0), Watsonia Heights 1 (Eric Wu) Meadow Park 1 (HT: 1-0), Melton 1 (Stephen Paddon) Keon Park 2 (Salvatore Cardamone, Frank Tranchitella) (HT: 1-1)

Vodafone Provisional League Div 3 North-West Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Bell Park SC	1	1	0	0	6	0 3
Moreland Wolves	1	1	0	0	6	3 3
Youth United SC	1	1	0	0	3	1 3
Keon Park SC	1	1	0	0	2	1 3
Epping City SC	1	1	0	0	2	1 3
Watsonia Heights SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Meadow Park SC	1	0	1	0	1	1 1
Melton SC	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Reservoir United SC	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Light United FC	1	0	0	1	1	3 0
Ascot Vale SC	1	0	0	1	3	6 0
Hallam SC	1	0	0	1	0	6 0

Vodafone Provisional League Div 3 North-West: Round 1: Moreland Wolves 6 Ascot Vale 5, Bell Park 2 Hallam 0, Light United 2 Youth United 2, Epping City 1 Reservoir United 2, Watsonia Heights 6 Meadow Park 5, Melton 4 Keon Park 0

Vodafone Provisional League Div 3 North-West Ladder						
	P	W	D	L	F	A PT
Melton SC	1	1	0	0	4	0 3
Bell Park SC	1	1	0	0	2	0 3
Watsonia Heights SC	1	1	0	0	6	5 3
Moreland Wolves	1	1	0	0	6	5 3
Reservoir United SC	1	1	0	0	2	1 3
Youth United SC	1	0	1	0	2	2 1
Light United FC	1	0	1	0	2	2 1
Ascot Vale SC	1	0	0	1	5	6 0
Meadow Park SC	1	0	0	1	5	6 0
Epping City SC	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Hallam SC	1	0	0	1	0	2 0
Keon Park SC	1	0	0	1	0	4 0

MATCH REPORT

In the opening round of State League Division One for season 2006, sister clubs St Albans Saints hosted sister club, North Geelong Warriors. It was the first meeting between the clubs since the Warriors competed in the Victorian Premier League in the early 90's. The clubs had vastly contrasting seasons last year with the Saints being relegated from the Premier League while North were crowned champions of Division Two, Nth/West competition.

Both teams fielded very different line-ups from their previous campaigns with a number of departures and additions. The contest was always going to be hard fought and tight with

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no less than seven players on the Warriors list having represented the Saints at same stage of their careers. It was the home side that took the early ascendancy with their forwards benefiting from St Albans' dominance on the flanks from Loncaric and Medugorac. North looked lethargic and were punished midway through the opening half after a cross from the left bounced through the defence and a slight flick from former Knights player Milan Batur, was enough to see the ball diverted past former Saints legend, Marijan Vunderl in goals. St Albans had the better of the first half but neither team created many clear cut chances before the break.

The second half saw the Warriors fight back and they started to play the type of passing football that they are capable of. This early pressure paid dividends as a quickly taken free kick from the right by captain Trupkovic caught St Albans off guard and Adrian Cervinski was able to find the back of the net with a deflected poke that looped over the keeper. St Albans was a far cry of their first half display and were on the back foot for most of the 2nd half. The Warriors took the lead through another former Knight, Tony Saric, whose glancing header from a Cvitkovic cross proved to be the winner. The Saints picked up

the tempo towards the end of the match and had a fantastic opportunity to claim a late point from close range but the substitute was unable to cover himself with glory and shot wide at the near post.

Line-up for Nth Geelong:
Vunderl (gk), Dragicevic, Paleka, Vrbovac, D Cervinski, Trpkovic, G Saric (Dragicevic), Cvitkovic (Malesic), Deak, A Cervinski, T Saric

Subs not used: Gavran, Bacak, Malesic

\$3000 A-LEAGUE FARCE REVISITED

It seems my article two weeks about the \$3,000 dollar transfer fee payed out by A-League clubs to Australia's lower league clubs, has caused quiet a stir on a few soccer forums. Unfortunately, my sources were inaccurate about the \$3,000 maximum compensation fee paid out by A-League franchises to the lower league clubs, and I sincerely apologise for any inaccuracies stated in the article.

We tried to contact the FFA on the Clarification of the first year rule, but till now we have got no response.

It still seems that there has been a lot of confusion and mixed messages with this issue all round. So Goal Weekly went to seek out clarification from Victory's own Media Manager Tony Ising, who candidly discusses the mechanics of the current A-League transfer rules, and the whole Archie Thompson transfer affair exclusively to "Goal Weekly!"

"The \$3,000 compensation fee was devised by FIFA (not the FFA and not the FFV) to PROTECT clubs who develop young talent. It means that an UNCONTRACTED player under the age of 23 cannot be bought for free. There must be a transfer of \$3,000 to the developing club."

"If the under 23 player is UNDER CONTRACT, then the usual rules of engagement apply and the buying and the selling club are free to negotiate any transfer fee they see fit. If a Vodafone Cup club has a superstar

19 year old, and they have him on a 3 year contract, they might want to set a transfer fee of \$100,000. They may rather keep him than sell him, and set a prohibitive fee to deter prospective buyers. No one can force the club to release a contracted player."



Melbourne Victory's Tony Ising

"Players over the age of 23 who are not under contract are free to be transferred without any compensation. However, any over 23 player under contract would also be up for negotiation between the two clubs."

Ising further adds, that "Victory" never became an obstacle for Archie Thompson's ambitions. Stating unequivocally, that Thompson was the highest paid Australian to ever to play in the local competition.

"As for the Archie Thompson situation, we take great exception to the allegation that Melbourne Victory is an "unscrupulous club" which

"blatantly flaunted" the Bosman ruling."

"Archie Thompson was indeed picked up by Melbourne on a free transfer. However, the club had committed to a 4 year contract which was the largest contract ever in the history of Australian football for an Australian player playing in Australia."

"Due to the fact that the Hyundai A-League season finished in February, Archie was concerned that he would not be match fit when the World Cup came around. Hence his agent pursued contacts in Europe, including PSV, to try and get Archie a loan deal after the Hyundai A-League season had ended."

"The deal which was initially offered by PSV was completely unacceptable for Melbourne Victory, as the 6 month loan agreement (for which Victory would be compensated \$0) came with an option to purchase at a pre-arranged figure which was grossly below what Archie is currently worth (remembering that he could be worth much more after the World Cup). Keep in mind, also, that PSV is a G14 club, so any suggestion that they could not afford market rates for Archie is simply ridiculous."

"All Melbourne Victory wanted was the right to negotiate a transfer fee at the conclusion of his 6 month loan – not at the commencement of the loan. We didn't think this was too

much to ask for a player who we considered wasn't even for sale."

"A revised offer came through which again came with a pre-arranged transfer fee, however this time the dollar figure offered was much closer to Archie's market value, and so we agreed to let him go."

Tony goes on to say.

"Melbourne Victory always supported Archie's Socceroo ambitions. We were happy for him to go on a 6 month loan AT NO COST. We lost him for some of the most vital matches of the season, and it could be argued (having finished less than 2 games outside the final 4) that the club's finals chances were sacrificed for Archie's personal ambition. On this basis, the club refutes in the strongest possible way any allegation that we acted outside Archie's best interests. If Archie returns to Melbourne after his loan and PSV decide not to buy him, Melbourne Victory would receive \$0. Not one cent for having released a player for six months to fulfil a personal ambition."

"At the end of the day, we could have said no to the loan and no to the transfer option and Archie would be sitting at home twiddling his thumbs. But the club did the right thing by the player, and we are the only party who stands to receive nothing out of the deal."

By Bruno Zovko

WAVERLEY WANDERERS DOING A WIGAN

Kennedy has managed to retain nearly all of the squad from last year. Joining these players are goalkeeper Jim Kourtis from Kingston City, strikers Andrew Strapelias, formerly of Kingston, Mark Panagis from Northcote, and former Wanderers Nick Gidas, Evan Rontoyannis, and Perry Kapetanias who return to the club after a year's absence.

Kennedy speaks with enthusiasm about the new acquisitions: "Stropsy (Strapelias) is a big strong boy. One of the best shielders of the ball I've seen for a long time. Great target man. Mark Panaghis scored 14 goals last year in Division one. He's going to score goals at this level."

Assistant coach Rellos, a former player and assistant coach at division two club Stonnington City, is also impressed with what he has seen of the Waverley first team squad. He says, "The training sessions that we're putting in and the pace that the boys are playing at the moment, I think we're a top half of the table team. Where? I can't tell you. There is no way

in the world we're going to get relegated. We're going to give it a bit of a shake if all the boys stick together."

Kennedy is reluctant to make any predictions. Although satisfied that his team will be well prepared, he believes that the competition this year will be unpredictable and throw up many surprise results. He says, "You can't go into this league and say we'll win this league or we'll win 18 games. This league is totally different from last year's league, which was very much a 'British' league with your Dovetons and Sandringhams etc. This year there's quite a lot of derbies so there's going to be a lot more tension. A lot of, I'm sure, anxious moments when Stonnington play Waverley or South Springvale versus Waverley, Clifton Hill versus Waverley. So there's lots of derbies."

Kennedy also expects last year's front runners in the division, Cranbourne Comets and Doncaster Rovers to mount strong challenges again.



From left: John Kennedy, Mark Panaghis, Andrew Strapelias, Trifon Rellos.

He believes "It could turn out to be a very even league, with no single team breaking from the pack."

The season opener promises to be one of those exciting derby clashes when the

Wanderers take on neighbors Eastern Lions in the first ever contest for league points between the teams.

By George Stogiannou

GOAL! WEEKLY 5-A-SIDE CUP



Champions Melbourne Hardy Athletic

Riversdale Soccer Club hosted the Goal! Weekly 5-a-Side Tournament on Sunday March 26th. Teams from all over Melbourne competed in a day of good fun and keen competition. Another less important sporting event was finishing up across town at the MCG, but the real spectacle was happening at Frog Hollow Reserve in Camberwell.

As the dew was kicked off the grass and the day headed for a top of 32 degrees, the teams with serious claims on the title soon became apparent. Group C was proving the tightest, with the Good Guys unlucky to miss out on a quarter-final berth, despite some promising performances. Instead it was Maradona's Love Child and The Johnny Walkers who topped the group.

Group B was also an even battle, featuring close games between the Young Guns, FIPJAM and the Ancient Relics. The boys from Vermont Soccer Club never really hit their stride, perhaps showing the effects of too much indulgence on Saturday night.

The quarter-finals came and went, with no real shocks, but it was as the tournament got to the semi-final stage that things really came to life. In a potentially fiery encounter, Melbourne Athletic overcame South American super team Echos de Palo, but not before a 2-2 draw and a nail biting penalty shootout.

In the second semi-final, The Johnny Walkers triumphed over a tiring Young Guns and earned a deserved final spot. This was despite an injury putting their

first choice keeper out of the tournament.

So, onto the final and the draining power of the sun was starting to take its toll. Melbourne Athletic, superbly led by Goal! Weekly's own Chris Priftis, dominated much of the game against The Johnny Walkers and pulled away to win 2-0. The score could have been higher if not for a superb display by The Johnny Walkers substitute goalkeeper.

A great day was had by all and you can guarantee that the tournament will be back bigger and better next year. Thanks to Goal! Weekly for their support and to everyone who helped out or competed on the day.

The day also served as a launch for Riversdale's campaign to collect old equipment for Football4Tsunami. A pile of gear

was collected on the day, including boots, shirts, shinpads, balls and goalkeeper gloves. Many participants and spectators committed to going through their closets and donating all their relics of seasons past. Riversdale looks forward to continuing its commitment to Football4Tsunami, and to helping

make a difference and promoting the great game of football in Tsunami affected parts of Asia.

By Peter Maddox



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BAYSIDE LEAGUE WRAP



Croydon Ranges got off to a stunning start to the 2006 Bayside Premier League season when it travelled to Mt Lilydale to give the home team a message that this league is more competitive than they originally thought.

Croydon Ranges scored no less than seven times against newly formed Mt Lilydale Old Collegians and therefore taken the early lead for the race to become Premier League champions. Mt Lilydale may not know what hit them but all good things take time.

Rosebud needed a bizarre long range effort that was deflected into the back of the net by the Peninsula keeper in the dying minutes to snatch a 2-1 win at home against Peninsula.

The current Division 1 Champions, Peninsula started very well by scoring early on. But the toll on some players playing two matches started to take effect as Rosebud equalised mid way through the first half. The second half witness Rosebud squandering a penalty kick before finally winning by that long range effort.

Boronia Knights and Bayswater Strikers both failed to contribute to the score line as the final result was a 0-0 draw.

Western Port Wanderers had an expected competitive match against Pines Condors and was able to gain all three points with a 3-1 win.

And finally Knox City Harlequins also made the winners list as they defeated Hampton Park United 3-2 at home.

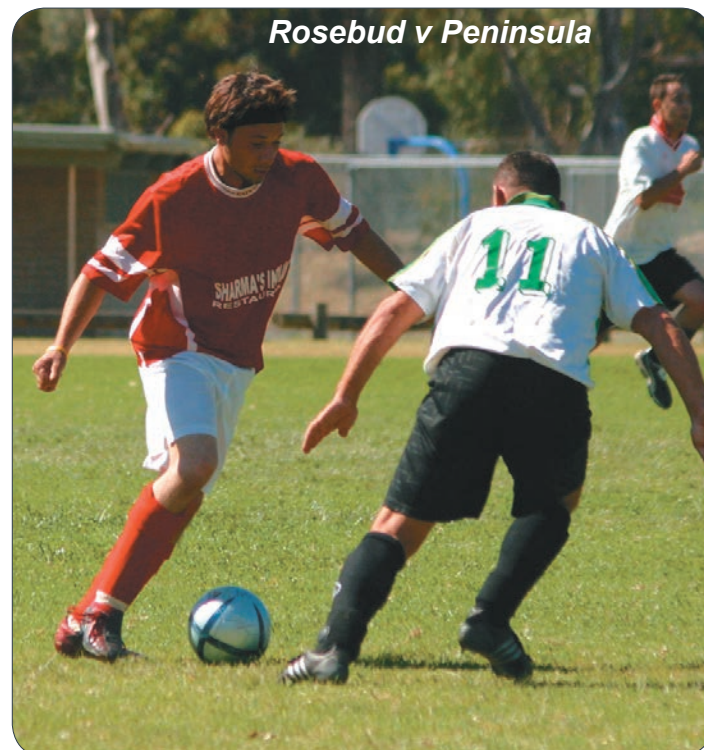
Premier League Reserves and it is Western Port Wanderers on top waffer thumping Pines Condors reserve team 9-2.

In the Division 1 it is Baxter Eagles that is on top after hitting Frankton Outlaws for six. Langwarrin is in second place after a win over Boronia Cavaliers

Parkmore joined the Bayside League from the Amateur League and made quite a statement with the club scoring nine times against Baxter Falcons one to take top spot in the Division 2. Cranbourne Comets Gold are second with a 4-0 win over Boronia Barons.

Montrose B leads division 3 when they disposed of the newly re-formed bayside team from Frankton Pines 6-1. Phillip Island also made an impressive return to the league with a 5-3 win over Seaford United.

By Steve Gray



Rosebud v Peninsula

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WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Round 5



With the Vodafone WPL now over a quarter of the way through, things are beginning to take shape on the ladder as some familiar names begin to rise to the top. That said, there's still room for new faces, as Bendigo and Sandringham continue to keep pace near the top of the table, despite neither team recording a victory this weekend.

Despite the majority of WPL matches featuring a plethora of goals, neither Sandringham nor Eltham could find the back of the net when the sides met at RJ Siltoe Reserve on Saturday. It was an even and scrappy encounter, with both sides creating chances but ultimately unable to convert, and so the points were shared. Eltham now has seven points from its five games to date, with Sandringham three points further to the good.

If Cranbourne Comets thought things were bad with last weekend's draw against Heidelberg, they quickly deteriorated to worse on Sunday when the Comets lost 4-3 to Keilor Park. Keilor, which by its own standards, had had a less than spectacular start to this year's WPL campaign, turned in a strong performance to claim the points and chalk up its second victory of the season. It is the first time in more than two years that Cranbourne has dropped league points in consecutive matches, and the result leaves it sixth.

Heidelberg United continued its strong start to the season with another big victory, its fourth of the season. On the receiving end on this occasion was Preston Lions, which suffered its fourth defeat of the campaign, going down by seven goals to one to a rampant United side. The victory lifts Heidelberg up the ladder, and it now enjoys a share of second place on points. Preston, meanwhile, remains tenth, but now with a greatly depleted goal difference.

Bendigo Vipers went into its match at Gardiners Creek Reserve with a 100% record, which was promptly shattered by a raging Eastern Lions side. The home side ran in four unanswered goals to notch its second victory of the season, and record a huge upset. The result lifts the Lions to eighth on the ladder, in a very congested mid section, while Bendigo, having squandered the chance to go top, slip to fourth.

Having played its first three games of the year on the road, Ashburton made sure it was a happy homecoming to Ashburton Park, with a 9-0



thumping victory over struggling Brimbank on Sunday. The win was Ashburton's third of the season and keeps it in touch with the leading group of the league. Brimbank has now gone through the first five games of the season without scoring, let alone winning, and with the competition now more than a quarter of the way through, it looks a long road back for the western suburbs team.

*** Please amend this if Brimbank happen to score – I'm taking a punt on this one! Change the sentence to "It has taken Brimbank until the fifth game of the season to score a goal, let alone win a match, and with the competition..."

PICK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE PARAGRAPHS, INSERT THE SCORE AND AMEND WHERE APPROPRIATE! Fingers crossed it's the third one!

Box Hill Inter finds itself in familiar territory at the top of the WPL ladder, thanks to its fourth consecutive victory. It defeated a battling South Melbourne side at Wembley Park by 3 -1 on Sunday evening, to climb above Sandringham, and head the ladder.

South has endured a torrid start to the season, and this defeat, its fifth in succession, leaves it at the bottom of the ladder, and still in search of its first point.

Just one round remains before the sides enjoy an Easter break, and that kicks off on Saturday at Bob Jane Stadium, with South Melbourne facing another tough match when it hosts Cranbourne Comets. Bendigo will hope its positive start to the season can continue, as it faces its toughest match so far, hosting Box Hill Inter on Saturday, while Eltham North will be on the hunt for its third win of the year, taking on Eastern Lions at Partington Flats. Keilor Park is on home soil for its clash with Preston Lions on Sunday, and Sandringham travels to Ashburton looking to return to winning ways after its draw with Eltham. Heidelberg United returns to Olympic Park for the first time in three games, and it will meet Brimbank on Sunday.

By Niki Cook

WPL TABLE

ROUND 5 RESULTS

Eltham North 0 (HT: 0-0), Cranbourne Comets 3 (Belinda Powell, Alina Kapusta, Leigh Terek) Keilor Park 4 (Melanie Camilleri 3, Kylie Nicolaci) (HT: 0-2), Preston Lions 1 (Danica Petreska) Heidelberg United 7 (Sarah Groenewald 4, Meghan Archer 2, Belinda Pannella) (HT: 0-5), Eastern Lions 4 (Nicole Pacillo 2, Kim Stefanou, Ami Taib) Bendigo Vipers 0 (HT: 1-0), Ashburton 9 (Annabelle Gibney 3, Seyma Erenli 2, Cindy Dussoye, Gulcan Koca, Nicole Savage, Danielle Jackson) Brimbank 0 (HT: 4-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Heidelberg United	4	3	1	0	19	5	10
Sandringham	5	3	1	1	16	2	10
Ashburton	4	3	0	1	22	3	9
Box Hill Inter	3	3	0	0	11	2	9
Bendigo Vipers WSC	4	3	0	1	12	8	9
Cranbourne Comets WSC	4	2	1	1	11	7	7
Eltham North	5	2	1	2	4	7	7
Eastern Lions	5	2	0	3	7	7	6
Keilor Park WSC	4	2	0	2	11	14	6
Preston Lions	5	1	0	4	4	18	3
South Melbourne	4	0	0	4	7	25	0
Brimbank WSC	5	0	0	5	0	26	0

ROUND SIX FIXTURES

- STH MELBOURNE
V
CRANBOURNE COMETS
Bob Jane Stadium,
Albert Park MEL:2K F6
Saturday 8th April
KO 3pm
- BENDIGO VIPERS
V
BOX HILL INTER
Strathfieldsaye Sports
Complex,
Bendigo
Saturday 8th April
KO 2.30pm
- ELTHAM NORTH
V
EASTERN LIONS
Partington Flats,
Greensborough MEL:10
K12
Saturday 8th April
KO 3pm
- KEILOR PARK
V
PRESTON LIONS
Keilor Park Reserve,
Keilor MEL:15 B5
Sunday 9th April
KO 1pm
- ASHBURTON
V
SANDRINGHAM
Ashburton Park,
Ashburton MEL:60 F9
Sunday 9th April
KO 3pm
- HEIDELBERG UTD
V
BRIMBANK
Olympic Village,
Heidelberg Heights MEL:19
D11
Sunday 9th April
KO 1pm



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Round 1

1 Apr 06 3:00PM Moreland Wolves v Ascot Vale Rayner Reserve
1 Apr 06 3:00PM Bell Park v Hallam Bell Park Sports Club
1 Apr 06 3:00PM Light United v Youth United Calabria Club
1 Apr 06 3:00PM Epping City v Reservoir United Duffy Street Reserve
1 Apr 06 3:00PM Watsonia Heights v Meadow Park Gabonia Reserve
1 Apr 06 7:00PM Melton v Keon Park McPhersons Park

Round 2

8 Apr 06 3:00PM Reservoir United v Watsonia Heights Cotchin Reserve
8 Apr 06 3:00PM Keon Park v Epping City JC Donath Reserve
8 Apr 06 3:00PM Youth United v Melton Seth Raistrick Reserve
8 Apr 06 3:00PM Hallam v Light United Hallam Reserve
8 Apr 06 3:00PM Meadow Park v Moreland Wolves Gladstone Park Reserve
8 Apr 06 3:00PM Ascot Vale v Bell Park Fairbairn Park

Round 3

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Bell Park v Moreland Wolves Bell Park Sports Club
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Light United v Ascot Vale Calabria Club
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Melton v Hallam McPhersons Park
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Epping City v Youth United Duffy Street Reserve
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Watsonia Heights v Keon Park Gabonia Reserve
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Reservoir United v Meadow Park Cotchin Reserve

Round 4

29 Apr 06 3:00PM Keon Park v Reservoir United JC Donath Reserve
29 Apr 06 3:00PM Youth United v Watsonia Heights Seth Raistrick Reserve
29 Apr 06 3:00PM Hallam v Epping City Hallam Reserve
29 Apr 06 3:00PM Meadow Park v Bell Park Gladstone Park Reserve
29 Apr 06 3:00PM Ascot Vale v Melton Fairbairn Park
29 Apr 06 3:00PM Moreland Wolves v Light United Rayner Reserve

Round 5

6 May 06 3:00PM Light United v Bell Park Calabria Club
6 May 06 3:00PM Melton v Moreland Wolves McPhersons Park
6 May 06 3:00PM Epping City v Ascot Vale Duffy Street Reserve
6 May 06 3:00PM Watsonia Heights v Hallam Gabonia Reserve
6 May 06 3:00PM Reservoir United v Youth United Cotchin Reserve
6 May 06 3:00PM Keon Park v Meadow Park JC Donath Reserve

Round 6

13 May 06 3:00PM Youth United v Keon Park Seth Raistrick Reserve
13 May 06 3:00PM Hallam v Reservoir United Hallam Reserve
13 May 06 3:00PM Meadow Park v Light United Gladstone Park Reserve
13 May 06 3:00PM Ascot Vale v Watsonia Heights Fairbairn Park
13 May 06 3:00PM Moreland Wolves v Epping City Rayner Reserve
13 May 06 3:00PM Bell Park v Melton Bell Park Sports Club

Round 7

20 May 06 3:00PM Melton v Light United McPhersons Park
20 May 06 3:00PM Epping City v Bell Park Casa D'Abruzzo Club
20 May 06 3:00PM Watsonia Heights v Moreland Wolves Gabonia Reserve
20 May 06 3:00PM Reservoir United v Ascot Vale Cotchin Reserve
20 May 06 3:00PM Keon Park v Hallam JC Donath Reserve
20 May 06 3:00PM Youth United v Meadow Park Seth Raistrick Reserve

Round 8

27 May 06 3:00PM Hallam v Youth United Hallam Reserve
27 May 06 3:00PM Meadow Park v Melton Gladstone Park Reserve
27 May 06 3:00PM Ascot Vale v Keon Park Fairbairn Park
27 May 06 3:00PM Moreland Wolves v Reservoir United Rayner Reserve
27 May 06 3:00PM Bell Park v Watsonia Heights Bell Park Sports Club
27 May 06 3:00PM Light United v Epping City Calabria Club

Round 9

3 Jun 06 3:00PM Epping City v Melton Casa D'Abruzzo Club
3 Jun 06 3:00PM Watsonia Heights v Light United Gabonia Reserve
3 Jun 06 3:00PM Reservoir United v Bell Park Cotchin Reserve
3 Jun 06 3:00PM Keon Park v Moreland Wolves JC Donath Reserve
3 Jun 06 3:00PM Youth United v Ascot Vale Seth Raistrick Reserve
3 Jun 06 3:00PM Hallam v Meadow Park Hallam Reserve

Round 10

10 Jun 06 3:00PM Epping City v Meadow Park Casa D'Abruzzo Club
10 Jun 06 3:00PM Ascot Vale v Hallam Fairbairn Park
10 Jun 06 3:00PM Bell Park v Keon Park Bell Park Sports Club
10 Jun 06 3:00PM Light United v Reservoir United Calabria Club
10 Jun 06 3:00PM Moreland Wolves v Youth United Rayner Reserve
10 Jun 06 7:00PM Melton v Watsonia Heights McPhersons Park

Round 11

17 Jun 06 3:00PM Watsonia Heights v Epping City Gabonia Reserve
17 Jun 06 3:00PM Reservoir United v Melton Cotchin Reserve
17 Jun 06 3:00PM Keon Park v Light United JC Donath Reserve
17 Jun 06 3:00PM Youth United v Bell Park Seth Raistrick Reserve
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Round 12

24 Jun 06 3:00PM Ascot Vale v Moreland Wolves Fairbairn Park
24 Jun 06 3:00PM Hallam v Bell Park Hallam Reserve
24 Jun 06 3:00PM Youth United v Light United Seth Raistrick Reserve
24 Jun 06 3:00PM Keon Park v Melton JC Donath Reserve
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Round 13

1 Jul 06 3:00PM Watsonia Heights v Reservoir United Gabonia Reserve
1 Jul 06 3:00PM Epping City v Keon Park Casa D'Abruzzo Club
1 Jul 06 3:00PM Melton v Youth United McPhersons Park
1 Jul 06 3:00PM Light United v Hallam Calabria Club
1 Jul 06 3:00PM Moreland Wolves v Meadow Park Rayner Reserve
1 Jul 06 3:00PM Bell Park v Ascot Vale Bell Park Sports Club

Round 14

8 Jul 06 3:00PM Moreland Wolves v Bell Park Rayner Reserve
8 Jul 06 3:00PM Ascot Vale v Light United Fairbairn Park
8 Jul 06 3:00PM Hallam v Melton Hallam Reserve
8 Jul 06 3:00PM Youth United v Epping City Seth Raistrick Reserve
8 Jul 06 3:00PM Keon Park v Watsonia Heights JC Donath Reserve
8 Jul 06 3:00PM Meadow Park v Reservoir United Gladstone Park Reserve

Round 15

15 Jul 06 3:00PM Reservoir United v Keon Park Cotchin Reserve
15 Jul 06 3:00PM Watsonia Heights v Youth United Gabonia Reserve
15 Jul 06 3:00PM Epping City v Hallam Casa D'Abruzzo Club
15 Jul 06 3:00PM Bell Park v Meadow Park Bell Park Sports Club
15 Jul 06 3:00PM Melton v Ascot Vale McPhersons Park
15 Jul 06 3:00PM Light United v Moreland Wolves Calabria Club

Round 16

22 Jul 06 3:00PM Bell Park v Light United Bell Park Sports Club
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Moreland Wolves v Melton Rayner Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Ascot Vale v Epping City Fairbairn Park
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Hallam v Watsonia Heights Hallam Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Youth United v Reservoir United Seth Raistrick Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Meadow Park v Keon Park Gladstone Park Reserve

Round 17

29 Jul 06 3:00PM Keon Park v Youth United JC Donath Reserve
29 Jul 06 3:00PM Reservoir United v Hallam Cotchin Reserve
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Round 7
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Weight: 78kg

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Previous clubs: South Melbourne(NSL), Football Kingz(NSL), Poli AEK Timisoara(Romanian 1st Divison), Tampere United(Finland 1st Divison), Samsunspor(Turkish 1st Division), Gippsland Falcons(NSL).

Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the Vodafone Cup?

Marcus Stergioupolous is a good player with a big character on the field. He Loves taking the piss.

In the world?

Ronaldinho- He is easily the best player in the world, he does things no other player will even attempt.

Hardest keeper and team to score against?

So far this season would have to say Adrian Cagalj and team Melbourne Knights. Our game ended 0-0 so them so far.



Occupation?

Area Manager - Collex

Craziest team mate of all time?

That would have to be Claudio Canosa. You have never meet a crazier bloke on the field and at the night clubs.

Most influential coach of all time?

Raul Blanco in the Olympic team, he made me believe with hard work anything is possible. Also Stuart Munro, which I believe is the most underrated coach in Australia, should be coaching in the A-League.

Most memorable match as a player?

Two matches - Playing against South Africa in Johannesburg with the Olympic team. Proudest moment in my career. - Playing against Steau Bucherest at home in front of 45,000 fans, the game finished 1-1. That was my first game in Romania "No pressure".

As a fan?

As I am a big Liverpool fan, it has to be last years Champions League. Especially when you put money on them at 30-1.

Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iran?

Second level on the half way line. It was all so perfect, I even went to the hotel room on game day and meet Terry Venables. I was shattered, but now finally soccer can shine in Australia.

And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay?

At home with my family and what a great feeling it was. Finally after all the arguments with those AFL fans. Soccer is in the spotlight.

Predict the following results:

Australia vs Japan - 1-0

Australia vs Brazil - 1-2

Australia vs Croatia - 1-1

Your tip for the 2006 World Cup?

Brazil

Representative honours?

Olympic team and Young socceros

Most memorable goal you've scored?

Probably against Brisbane in Brisbane (NSL Champion that year), first year in national league at 18. I Came off the bench 2-2, first touch goal for the winner.

Worst injury:

Bone spurt in heal, had to shave the bone down. I was out for 6 months. Knock on wood, it has been my only major injury.

Funniest moment in football?

Archie Thompson celebrations, especially that Kung Fu one. That first started in Gippsland when that song Kung Fu fighting come out. We didn't know what he was doing.

Record number of juggles in single attempt?

Not enough if you ask my Dad, my toughest critic.

Steak, chicken parma or seafood?

Got to be Porterhouse steak and mushroom sauce.

Chips, veggies or salad?

Greek salad

Pizza or souvlaki?

Pizza sober, souvlaki when Im drunk.

Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic?

Vodka lemon lime

Favourite nightspot?

In my time it was Metro nightclub, these days I'm settling down so I don't go out much.

Favourite holiday destination?

Spain by a mile - Love Majorca and Barcelona, but all of Spain is beautiful.

Kitchen whiz or home handyman?

Kitchen whiz, love to cook. Roast chicken is my specialty and a mean BBQ. But don't ask me to clean afterwards.

What's in the CD player right now?

Mixture, just top 40 stuff.

Dream date?

I have to say my fiance Jo, mate Im getting married in a couple of months. My brother's words of wisdom are happy wife happy life. So that's my answer.

First team-mate you'd invite to a party, and why?

I'd have to say the Altona magic defenders. Kole, Agim, Cega and Merks mate us defenders have to stick together.

On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be...

I Can't pick a player, the boys are too good when we are out. I would have to say our Scottish coach Ken. You know what they say about Scots and there money.

Match day superstitions or rituals?

Just eating my pasta and having a siesta before the game.

Typical matchday meal?

Tortoleni carbonara

Favorite sporting team when growing up?

Liverpool and the Hawks in the AFL.

What are your strengths?

Reading the game and ball distribution.

What are your weaknesses?

Shooting that's why Im a defender.

Ten pin bowling or skydiving?

Ten pin bowling its a litte bit safer.

Toughest opponent?

I would have to say Ivan Zamorano. He had everything but especially his vertical jump, his feet were coming up to my chest. Kevin Campbell (from Everton) was probably the most physical player I played against.

Select a player that you play most like?

Can't compare but I loved how Baresi from AC Milan read the game.

Which team do you select when playing

FIFA soccer on a computer game?

Real Madrid, they have all the bid guns.



What is the last soccer shirt you bought?

I bought a Real Madrid shirt for my nephew Josh.

Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?

None really

Childhood soccer idol?

Only one player Maradona, simply the best player to ever play the game.

Favorite former Soccerroo?

Mehmet Durakovic, I was lucky enough to play with him at South Melbourne.

Favourite Current Soccerroo?

Archie Thompson, good friend of mine. Still chat to him at least once a month. He hasn't changed at all from the day I met him.

What song or movie to do you get inspiration from?

Rocky 1-5 and a movie called Rudy it will bring a tear to the eye.

Best away ground you like to visit?

Epping stadium, best surface in the league.

If I didn't play football I'd play...

AFL for the Hawks, probably back pocket.

What fictional character would you most like to be; why?

Homer Simpson because he is a handsome devil.

Hollywood is making a movie about your career. Who would you select to play you in a movie?

Al Pacino in his "Godfather" days, he is my favorite actor.

Any other bits of Levent Osman trivia you want us to reveal?

Just want to give a special mention to our president Milissa Fisher-Massa. She does so much for the club and all the players. Without her I don't know if the club would survive.

By John Bonnaci



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